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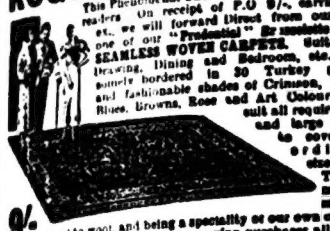

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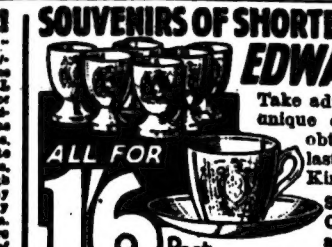


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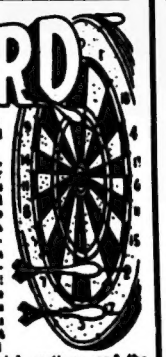

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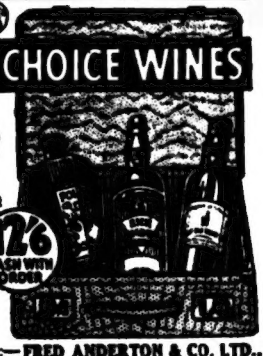


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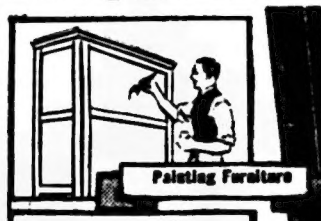

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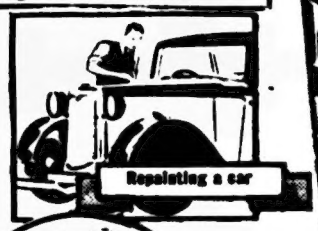

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Don't swallow the talk of "spreading the burden" of war expenditure over future generations. Those who spread such propaganda know it is simply lies.

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You will bear the real cost. You will be forced to go without goods and services you should rightly enjoy. Industry, switched over to production for war, cannot produce for peace. Britain, having adopted wartime measures before a war breaks out, cannot live up to peace-time standards.

So there will be fewer houses built, less food grown, a lower standard of living, and a higher cost of living. Already the cost of living is rocketing up—tea went up 2d. a pound last week. But Neville Chamberlain has some grim surprises for you in his Budget.

Even this loan won't finance all the Government's war plans. The income-tax payer will be plundered again. What is more, indirect taxation will also increase sharply. The poorest will be made to pay by pennies and tuppences on half a dozen articles in ordinary domestic use. "Guns before butter" is the Chamberlain policy as much as it is Hitler's.

Another lie going about is that this loan will greatly increase employment throughout industry, particularly in the Distressed Areas. It won't; because armament work is poorly spread over the whole of industry.

Most arms orders go to the handful of firms which *are* the arms industry; half a dozen actual merchants of death, ten big shipbuilders, a score of aircraft manufacturers. They will profit more even than at present. But the "benefits" do not percolate through the nation as a whole. They leave the Distressed Areas untouched.

In 1931 the Labour Government was flung from office because, in the midst of a world economic blizzard, the Budget was unbalanced by £23,000,000. Chamberlain was then the first to shout accusations of dishonest and treacherous finance.

To-day he proposes to unbalance his Budgets by £400,000,000 over five years—by £80,000,000 a year. What a comment on the sincerity of his rebukes to Labour in 1931! When he wants to spend for war he can break all the rules of orthodox finance. When Labour wanted to do the same to save cutting the meagre allowances of the workless, Chamberlain joined the conspiracy to betray them.

Through all his years at the Treasury, Chamberlain has coldly resisted every movement to ease unemployment, to help the poorest, to increase the social services. "I cannot afford it," has been his eternal answer to each constructive proposal. A few tiny concessions have been wrung from him by the threat of open Conservative revolt in the Commons. But that is all.

Suppose, instead of using his £400,000,000 loan for war preparation, a sensible Government raised the same sum and used it productively for peace and progress, what could not be done to rebuild Britain?

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Chamberlain says "No!" to all such proposals. All he wants to do is to spend £80,000,000 a year more than the nation can afford from revenue on guns, tanks, warships, 'planes, bombs, poison gas, and every other atrocity scientific warfare now demands.

His loan will not help peace. It will increase the nervousness and terror of Europe. Piling up arms has never prevented war. It has always caused war. This loan brings the danger of another great European war measurably nearer. It proves that Chamberlain and his colleagues are afraid. It brings them down to the mental level of the present Government of Germany. Britain is down to the "Guns before Butter" standard. She will stay there, until you change your rulers.

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GREY-HAIRED and of benevolent appearance, a plausible person called A. Adams is engaged in a campaign of victimising landladies and tradespeople in London and seaside towns.

Adams arrived at Wood Green, London, towards the end of last year and rented a furnished house in Cranbrook Park for six months.

He talked of paying a month's rent in advance, but he never paid a penny. He borrowed money from the owner on a plausible pretext.

Later, instead of sending rent money, he sent excuses.

Then early one morning, Adams, complete with wife and two daughters, left the house, with two months' rent and tradesmen's bills unpaid.

The next home of the Adams family was a furnished flat at Park Road, Crouch End, London. Again he had always a score of excuses for not paying.

Often his excuse for not paying was sent by letter, and the following extract is typical:

"We had a wire from my wife's people," wrote Adams, "saying that mother is to go under an operation immediately, and when I went over I found that the surgeon required his fee in advance. As we could not ask mother for it in her condition I paid. Since then I have sold some shares and as soon as the next settling day on the Stock Exchange arrives will send you the cash along."

Of course, he never did pay. Once again he went out early one morning and never came back.

The next exploit was to take a furnished house in London Road, Hastings, on the Sussex coast, which he rented from a London woman.

Ten weeks went by, but no rent was paid, then one morning recently Adams with his wife and two charming daughters did their disappearing trick.

There are some Hastings tradespeople who supplied food and other goods to this bluffer who are still unpaid.

So for months past this grey-haired trickster has been victimising landladies and tradespeople systematically. Others should be on their guard.

# Suicide Lorries

THE menace to safety of mechanically defective motor lorries careering along the highways is a scandal which calls for increased vigilance on the part of the authorities.

Recently an A.A. scout on duty at Lockwell Hill cross-roads, Nottinghamshire, saw a laden lorry zig-zagging towards him. On investigation he found that the driver was in distress from carbon-monoxide poisoning caused through fumes from the engine penetrating into the driving cab.

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The driver gave evidence that he had refused to take out the lorry, as it was defective, and was told, "If you don't, we will soon get someone else who will."

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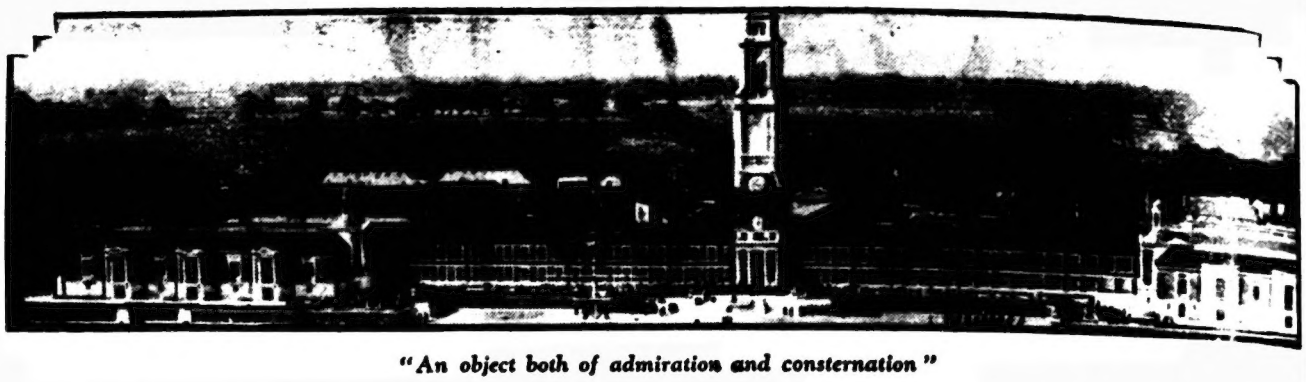

*"An object both of admiration and consternation"*

# NAVY'S MILLION POUND FOLLY

IT has just been officially announced that £9,500 has been subscribed to the national memorial to the late Lord Jellicoe. Of this sum, £832 has been received from the ships of the Royal Navy, Admiralty establishments, messes and so on.

Mark that figure!

It is the mirror of a great scandal, for which the name and memory of Jellicoe have been outrageously used as a cloak. But the officers and ratings of the Royal Navy were aware of this, and the meagre £832 is their blunt refusal to be associated with a series of acts of jerry-mandering.

It is nine months since the Jellicoe National Memorial Appeal was launched at the London Mansion House under the best possible auspices.

Explanations of its failure and the cold response from the Navy itself are therefore justified.

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The Royal Hospital School at Greenwich was famous the world over for more than two centuries.

There were trained for naval service the sons of orphans of men of the Navy and the Mercantile Marine.

But the great school, as a building, became obsolete. Then a happy idea came to the hospital governors and the Lords of the Admiralty. Fifteen years ago, a Mr. Gifford Reade, a retired Indian tea planter, made a generous gift of his 850-acre estate at Holbrook, in Suffolk, for the use of the Navy.

It was decided to transfer the school from Greenwich to Holbrook, and, at a cost of £700,000, to make it the finest school of its kind in the world.

Before long the authorities found that the plans and tenders they had approved committed them for a full £1,000,000. So they tried to retrench. They did so at the expense of the boys for whom the school exists.

They decided to dispense for some time with a school chapel and two hostels—about a fourth of the intended accommodation

Money was poured away on everything else. The best swimming pool then in Britain was provided, a gymnasium without equal was built and fitted out also as a church, private residences of the best type were built for the officers and staff, and an elaborate and expensive hospital was made part of the school.

What has proved to be a "white elephant" in the form of a home farm was laid out on the best lines without regard to cost, and tourists in the Eastern Counties were told not to miss seeing "the Navy's £1,000,000 folly."

After five years building, the school has become deservedly an object both of admiration and consternation.

Queer stories began to be told as the school made ready to move from Greenwich to Holbrook. It was said that the number of boys in residence was to be drastically reduced. The reports proved all too true.

The complement was cut from 1,000 to 800, although it had been intended to increase it to 1,120. Notwithstanding the huge outlay, the purpose for which the great charity exists was being defeated. There was dismay in the Navy.

It was all due to over-expenditure on building, changes of policy and unnecessary alterations of newly erected buildings, the lay-out and equipment of the bogy farm, the creation of more and bigger departments and so on.

Worse happened. Although so many fewer boys were being denied the education and training that was due to them, there was a vast increase in staff and officials—and in salaries.

Mr. Reade, the fairy godfather of the school, though disappointed, magnanimously decided to give the extra financial help required to bring the dream to fulfilment.

He was then approaching death, and he made it known that his will would provide about £500,000 as a further benefaction to the school. But he made it a condition that the legacy should accumulate until 1940.

But still the authorities decided to expend what was available on anything but the needed extra accommodation for the orphans. The church and other auxiliary establishments which had been cut out of the original plans to stem the flood of extravagance, it was decided, must come first.

Already a fine church existed in the splendid gymnasium, and was [illegible] for the school because it is [illegible] forty Sundays in the year. [illegible] was built at a cost of £60,000 [illegible] magnificent organ installed [illegible] £6,000.

This organ is so marvello[illegible] only in real use when the [illegible] Westminster Abbey can visit [illegible] to perform on it.

The Public Accounts Com[illegible] of the House of Commons ha[illegible] school and has condemned [illegible] gance and waste.

The Auditor-General has [illegible] unnecessary and excessive [illegible] under survey.

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When Lord Jellicoe died, the [illegible] was conceived to appeal to the public and the Navy in his memory, and so repair the mistakes that had been made.

The response of the Na[illegible] significant. Most of the £832 [illegible] scribed for it has come in [illegible] sums from individuals. If [illegible] subscribed by all the officers and ratings, it would have been less than a penny per head!

Now a renewed appeal for the school as the Jellicoe National Memorial is to be made. Jellicoe deserves better from his country than to be made a prop for a gigantic folly.

Parliament, indeed, should find time to probe the whole matter when the next Navy Estimates are presented.

# INNOCENT MAN'S ORDEAL

HERE is scandalous misjustice. Some months ago JOHN BULL gave publicity to the terrible experience of Mr. William Winter, an elderly building contractor, of Bristol.

Briefly the facts were these: In the Spring of last year Winter was charged before the Axbridge (Somerset) magistrates with driving a motor-car while under the influence of drink. Despite Winter's sworn denial that he was not the driver of the car at the time, and supporting evidence, he was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with a fine and costs amounting to £22 17s.

*Mr. Justice Charles*

A recommendation was made by the Bench that the documents in the case be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions with a view to proceedings against Winter for perjury.

Winter appealed to Quarter Sessions and lost. So he served his term in jail.

Immediately on release a charge of perjury was instituted. Eventually this charge came before Mr. Justice Charles at the Wells Assizes.

And the case was stopped by the judge without calling on the defence. It was evident from prosecution witnesses that Winter could not have been [illegible] the car. His conviction was obviously wrong.

Now for the intolerable [illegible] still remained against Win[illegible] the sum of £22 odd which he had [illegible] the court. He wrote putting [illegible] stances before the Home [illegible] and in due course received a [illegible]

"I am directed by the [illegible] State to say that he has [illegible] your representation and has [illegible] quiries, but he can find no [illegible] any action on his part in [illegible] conviction in April last, or [illegible] which the Court thought [illegible] impose."

With the dislocation of h[illegible] following his wrongful [illegible] Winter was in financial [illegible] his private resources were [illegible] the expenses of his defence.

A few days ago Winter was [illegible] for the non-payment of his fine and costs. He was first taken to Bodmin[illegible] Bristol, police station and [illegible] until an escort arrived to convey him to Axbridge. He was held in custody for a night at Axbridge.

When brought once more before the Axbridge magistrates Winter was asked to show cause why he should not be sent to prison again.

Eventually, after the poor man had pleaded his acute financial position, the magistrates adjourned the case for three months, but *they placed Winter under police surveillance* for that period.

It is preposterous that this man should continue under the shadow of an offence *he did not commit.*

# SCANDAL OF FOUR DROWNED SOLDIERS

FOUR British soldiers, members of the Royal Artillery Coast Defence at Fort Morbat, Aden, are reported by the War Office to have been drowned in a boating accident at sea.

There has been no other official announcement. One seems to be urgently needed stating the exact and full reason how these men—two were actually boys at the beginning of their service—came to lose their lives.

Much more would have been heard of the tragedy if the four soldiers had been drowned at home. We urge the need for thorough investigation and frank official disclosure of the facts in consequence of disquieting information regarding the sad occurrence which reaches us from Aden.

The victims were:—

**Gunner T. Bowman, whose home is at Stockton-on-Tees.**

**Trumpeter A. M. Long, of Bournemouth**

**Trumpeter B. Nelson, of Beckenham, Kent.**

**Lance-Bombardier C. Rogers, of Islington, London.**

There was one survivor—Gunner W. Churchill, whose home is in Glamorgan.

The soldiers went out in the afternoon in a sailing boat from Steamer Point near their station, to cross to Little Aden, a rocky headland opposite.

*Aden's Chief Commissioner, Lieut.-Col. Sir Bernard Reilly*

The reports which have reached JOHN BULL from private sources differ widely in detail. It is known that the boat was caught by a strong wind and was blowing hard when it appears to have been swamped. There was a sense of apprehension throughout the afternoon among the other men on the beach who knew the reputation of the boat and the doubtful ability of their chums to save themselves in peril.

The alarm was raised when dusk fell and there had been no sign of the craft returning.

As would be expected, the commanding officer and the only other officer who was present behaved splendidly.

The C.O. asked the authorities of another arm of the Service in the vicinity to man and send out a speed launch. This request, *it is stated, was refused or not complied with.*

He chartered a launch on his own account, ordered the range-finding telescope to be manned, and set off himself.

In the meantime it had been reported that something was believed to have been seen near the searchlights were turned on to it on the water, and the junior officer promptly went off in the darkness and drifted in a small boat on his own. Unfortunately, he got into difficulties and, after clinging to a buoy, was rescued by the commanding officer.

Then was the whole measure of the search attempted. All appeals for help outside the battery apparently failed. *There was no reason why they should have done.* Ample search and rescue facilities were available.

It is known now that all the soldiers were alive clinging to their overturned boat at three o'clock in the evening—six hours after they put out. Then Churchill was relieved by Bowman to swim to the land. He reached it only after a series of escapes from sharks, and was so utterly exhausted when he made the beach that he lay there helpless until found next morning by natives. He has since been dangerously ill in hospital.

In addition to the previous failures to despatch search-parties, a junior probationer police officer asked certain of the port authorities to send out launches. They admitted that they knew the men from the battery were missing, but stated that they had received no official request for help. So there was no response.

Knowing that he would have to meet the expense himself, the young police officer went out in the only launch he could procure. It was then too late.

It has also to be mentioned that two steamers and a sloop are stated in our information from Aden to have passed close to the wrecked boat to which the soldiers were clinging without observing it. Each of these vessels would have been on the lookout if only a radio message or lamp signals had been sent to them from the shore.

There was a display of considerable concern on the part of the authorities on the day following when two rifles were found to have disappeared from the fort. Then every available man and the civil and military police were turned out to search immediately the weapons were reported missing.

# School Site Protests

NEW schools are badly needed, but the Surrey County Council's new school on the main Eastbourne road at Caterham seems more likely to prove a mortuary.

Following our rebuke when Mr. Oliver Stanley, the President of the Board of Education, failed to intervene a week or two ago, the ratepayers are up in arms about it, and we are not surprised.

Six roads meet at a crossing hard by, and there is a commercial garage opposite the site. The proposed playing-fields are across two main roads.

Alternative sites were suggested long ago, but in vain. The Surrey County Council has ignored the protests of local clergy, school managers, an architect, the urban district council, and everybody else either interested or concerned.

The Royal Automobile Club and the Automobile Association on behalf of users of the road, raised their voices in protest even before Mr. Emmott, the Member for East Surrey, raised the subject in the House of Commons.

In spite of all these public-spirited efforts, the school is rapidly coming into being, and it will accommodate some 300 youngsters who will inevitably be exposed to the perils of—not one road, but six!

You may wonder how this comes about, but a letter from the Chief Education Officer of the Surrey County Council to the secretary of Warlingham Ratepayers' Association will enlighten most parties.

"Dear Sir," it runs, "I have to state that the points raised in your letter are already receiving my Committee's consideration, but the principle governing the safety of children is one on which the Education Committee will ask the advice of the Children's Safety Committee, which the Education Committee has recommended the County Council to set up."

Which, in view of the fact that the walls of the new school are, by this time, roof-high, is sheer bunkum

*The flooded potholes through which children must pick their way to school*

# Real Slough Of Despond

THE indifference of councils where roads for the tenants of housing estates are concerned is notorious, but for Britain's least energetic road-makers look to the Urban District Council of Slough, in Buckinghamshire.

Tracks between barrack-like rows of dwellings are strewn with potholes over which motorists and delivery van drivers pass at their peril. These miniature craters are often flooded.

A dismantled factory on the one hand, stacks of old iron and derelict motor vehicles on the other.

The land everywhere about waterlogged, whole streets without either drainage or sewerage.

Children have to wade ankle deep in slush along Mason's Road or Stowe Road, on the outskirts of Slough, for example, and often sit all through the day at school with wet feet.

These thoroughfares were fashioned eight years ago, yet to-day there are no street lamps, no footpaths.

"Private roads," they are still called, though free of access to all and sundry. Most of the tenants understood there were "no road charges" when they took up houses in the district, but although years have gone by, nothing has been done.

Forty householders have been told by the council that they must provide roads for themselves, and those who have bought their dwellings have found too late there isn't a word in their agreements to save them the expense

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The sanitation in the neighbourhood in the meantime remains of the most primitive, so it is not surprising to learn the doctor is the most frequent visitor. Two cases of pneumonia, three cases of influenza, another of pleurisy and one of neuritis—all within a few doors of each other in this waterlogged wilderness.

An appeal made to Sir Alfred Knox, M.P., more than two years ago, disclosed the comfortless advice that the Slough Urban District Council cannot be compelled to construct a road, nor has the Minister of Health the power to intervene.

So these outrageous conditions still prevail—just one more monstrous scandal that is "nobody's business."

# Buried Homes

ANOTHER council which appears indifferent to the welfare of the public it represents is that of Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

The villagers of Newton and Candleston, at any rate, have appealed to it for help in vain.

A mountain of sand, in giant ridges, is stealing down upon them, marching irresistibly inland from the sea. Their homes are threatened, and the mammoth dunes have already invaded their gardens. The sand is deep in houses that cost the occupiers from £750 to £1,000 each to buy.

Householders devote their spare time to trundling barrows laden with sand from their doors, outbuildings have been damaged, some electric light standards are covered to a depth of twelve feet.

Along the coast a little distance from Newton, the once picturesque village of Candleston is already buried. Its church spire, barely visible, points an ominous finger to the sky. The houses and shops of a former thriving community have long since disappeared.

But while Newton is facing similar peril, the comfortable councillors offer neither remedy nor assistance. Householders have struggled to erect concrete walls, but they have been swallowed up. Barriers have been raised only to be overwhelmed.

Troubled housewives are plagued with an everlasting deluge of sand. They strive with it in their sitting-rooms, in the bath, in their bedrooms, in the very beds in which they sleep through a nightmare of apprehension and doubt.

But they are reduced to hoping in vain that the *wind* will drive the ruthless invader back to the sea! The dunes, a towering ridge, is moving relentlessly onwards.

It is obviously beyond the powers of the little band of local inhabitants to cope with the situation as it stands. Only a mighty concrete wall can save this corner of South Wales.

The Porthcawl authorities must go to the help of the villagers of Newton; if the job is too big for them, then the Glamorgan County Council must help. What is all too often the case is that there are too many councils and not enough of that rare quality—initiative.

## MADRAS MISSIONARY

Since publication on November 7 of an article criticising the Rev. James C. Ryan, founder of the Evangelical Missionary Society, Madras, we have had an opportunity of examining his credentials.

While we still maintain that his Society is superfluous in view of the well-established organisations which already work in Madras, we are satisfied as to his sincerity and offer him our apologies if anything in the article gave a contrary impression.

# . . talking of Sedum spathulifolium

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## CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

# PALM OIL ON TAP

## *Kill Lord Of The Manor!—Kingsley Wood, Slum Manager—Reviving The Press Gang Are Girl Typists A Menace?*

DEAR LORD HEWART,—When sending two men to prison the other day for giving and taking a £200 bribe in connection with contract work you said that corruption in such transactions was a malignant [illegible] *widespread through-*[illegible] country.

[illegible] few prose- [illegible] investiga- [illegible] impossible [illegible] evidence. [illegible] those to [illegible] lar in- [illegible] unsuccess- [illegible] take [illegible]

[illegible] summer- [illegible] to-day [illegible] with [illegible] ever [illegible] through [illegible] and com- [illegible] girl, [illegible] missions [illegible] to the [illegible] firms who [illegible] as a trade [illegible] with which to in- [illegible] Governments to buy [illegible] merchandise of death.

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Your Lordship would no doubt have been astonished by the aftermath of the recent conviction and imprisonment of a provision merchant who offered a bribe to the buying agent of a national firm of caterers. Nor was the acceptance of bribery as part of the daily routine more amazingly depicted.

Immediately, the columns of leading trade journals were filled with protests against the conviction from important representatives of all branches of business. They did not shelter in anonymity or use soft language.

"How many firms do not give presents to buyers," was the challenge in every protest. Bribery, they all said, was now the custom of trade and the common morals of the market!

And this dirty, dishonest business of the "extended palm" is far from being confined to sapping the vitality of trade. I get almost daily evidence that it is a rampant evil in local government. The [illegible] (expectations) by a committee member or official to a friend [illegible] tenders, the acquisition of land and property and so on. The [illegible] of so many local [illegible] are presented [illegible] on [illegible] appalling. They [illegible] them.

No wonder people say so freely that they don't vote because the conduct of so many of their number [illegible]

I [illegible] the number of letters [illegible] to me from poor persons [illegible] a home or a job—or [illegible] the job when it is obtained—[illegible] can afford to buy the [illegible] of a councillor, official, staff [illegible] or works foreman who can in- [illegible] or the appointment.

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You cannot your Lordship use your [illegible] influence to persuade the Government to tackle this scandal?

Should there not be new legislation [illegible] and this would receive the support of all [illegible] and this take little time to pass [illegible] to aid the police in securing evidence [illegible] alleged bribery, and enable judges to [illegible] sentences of the most deterrent [illegible]

JOHN BULL.

*See that bribe-mongers get it in the neck, Lord Hewart!*

**Mrs. COATES HANSEN, J.P.,**
***Middlesbrough Juvenile Court***

DEAR MADAM,—No wonder you are aghast at discovering that children are allowed to watch animals being killed at a public slaughterhouse.

I wager every parent in Middlesbrough will back your demand that this practice must be ended, and I'd welcome any means by which the authorities responsible could be punished for so revolting a barbarity.

JOHN BULL.

**Sir KINGSLEY WOOD,**
***Minister of Health***

DEAR SIR KINGSLEY,—You pose as so anxious to cure overcrowding and slums that you should take a hint that conditions in Whitehall for your own staff are shocking.

Under the entrance floor of your head office is a sub-ground floor. Below that is a dungeon where a large clerical staff works in artificial light and bad ventilation.

So bad that the staff has to be changed periodically, the incidence of sickness is high, and it is known as "the sewer."

Why not explore its depths one day?

JOHN BULL.

**The MEMBERS,**
***Worcester City Council***

GENTLEMEN,—King George's Memorial Fund, the Jubilee Trust Fund and the Government are anxious to provide more playing fields for the young. You, it seems, are anxious to stop the young from getting a chance to play.

For you have turned a playground, used by three schools and by children after school, into a bowling green—despite protests—keeping the education committee in the dark until the change had been made.

How you must enjoy your marbles there!

JOHN BULL.

**Mrs. FLORENCE ANDREWARTHA,**
***Farnborough District Council***

DEAR MADAM,—Do, for heaven's sake, try to rid yourself of the notion that no nice girl should work in the company of men.

Vainly opposing the appointment of a girl typist in the council clerks' office, you fear it will lead to broken hearts, "Jealousy is bound to creep in and then the work will go awry."

What do you propose? That every girl should be kept at home?

You were "young yourself once," you say. It seems hard to believe.

JOHN BULL.

**Rev. H. E. BRIGHTON,**
***Baddesley Ensor, Warwick***

REV. SIR,—You work thirteen hours a day. You have to be a financial expert, beggar, bricklayer, plasterer, navvy, choirmaster and a dozen things besides. For which you get £377 a year and a house. And you want to know if anyone wants the job.

I shouldn't think so. But if you do succeed in finding a poor goof to take it on, try to get yourself made parson of a City church and enjoy a rest cure for the remainder of your life.

JOHN BULL.

**The FOUR BROTHERS STICKELS,**
***Great Knell Farm, near Canterbury***

DEAR BROTHERS,—Bad luck that Canterbury County Court refused your offer of 300 bushels of apples or ten thousand cabbages in lieu of £14 2s. 6d. due as quit rent to Viscountess Hawarden as Lady of the Manor of Wingham—because "they were not legal tender."

Such rents are ridiculous survivals of the Middle Ages and should be swept away uncompensated.

Go on kicking against the injustice! Other farmers will follow. Then, perhaps, quit rents will go along with such barbaric relics as toll bridges, tithe, tied cottages—and Lords of the Manor.

JOHN BULL.

**THE CORONER,**
***Sittingbourne, Kent***

DEAR SIR, — Seven-year-old Sydney Moss, heavily bandaged, lay on his back on the solicitors' table to describe how his grandmother was killed and himself injured while crossing the road.

Considering his age and his injuries, it should have been possible to take his evidence without dragging him into a coroner's court.

JOHN BULL.

**The MAGISTRATES,**
***Bishop's Stortford Petty Sessions***

YOUR WORSHIPS,—Though you sit in judgment, you appear strangely ignorant of the law.

For you have bound over a youth charged with shopbreaking on condition that he joins His Majesty's Forces for three years. Believe it or not, you have no authority to make this stipulation.

It is a hundred years since magistrates could act as a press gang for the Army.

JOHN BULL.

# *A Strong Silent Dog*

**By A Very**

***Special Investigator***

MY aunt Thisbe, who lives in the charming village of Stamping Trumpets in Sussex, is enormously excited. Last week she went to Cruft's Dog Show and bought one of those dogs they've imported from the Congo that don't bark.

"Such a pet he is, my dear," she writes to me, "you wouldn't believe. He never utters a sound. He just looks at me with such deliciously mute appealing eyes. Oh, he's an unutterable pet, my dear.

"As he comes from the Congo I've called him Bongo. You know, my dear, I can't help rhyming. Like the Pope, I lisped in numbers, though I must say I've never seen any of the Pope's poetry.

"I remember when I was quite a child I used to compose little love verses—doesn't it sound *silly*?—at Christmas parties. There was one dedicated to a conjurer with the loveliest fair hair that went:

"You wonder at my heavy sighs—
I pine for one look from your eyes.
Alas! But I am doomed to wait,
Although my love for you's in spate!

"And one spiteful girl at the party who was jealous because I was plump asked me how I spelt 'sighs' and 'wait,' the skinny little cat. . . .

"We're having rather a difficult time with the postman. Yesterday morning when I took in the letters he said he was glad I had got rid of my little Pekinese. Actually, the poor darling ate some of the bath salts in his bath one morning and died smelling most divine.

"That nasty woman next door—the cat!—said it was a heaven-scent death, but then she had never forgiven the precious little creature for biting her leg and making a ladder in her stocking, although it was obvious, as I told her at the time, that the little darling was only being playful.

"But to go back to the postman, he said it was nice to be able, for a change, to walk up a garden path of a morning, and know that a yapping little dog wouldn't come running out snapping at him.

"Just as he said those malicious words—and I've a good mind to report him to the Postmaster-General—he let out such a yell, my dear, and do you know what it was? Bongo had quite silently crept out of the bushes and bitten the postman's calf.

"'Well,' I said to the postman, 'even if Bongo has bitten you, at least he didn't bark at you,' but he didn't seem to appreciate my point.

"He said he wouldn't come through my gate again, so I suppose I shall have to fetch Bongo's special dog biscuits from the Post Office myself. They've been ordered specially from the Congo, where, apparently, instead of superannuating the native postmen, they make them into dog biscuits.

"It sounds a very practical and economical idea, I must say, but I can't help

feeling that it's a little cruel. I shall have to ask Lady Desdemona, the chairman of the local branch of the Anti-Vivisection League, what she thinks about it. . . .

"I nearly forgot to tell you, my dear, that last night we had a burglar. I found him in the morning cowering in a corner with Bongo sitting in front of him.

"'My man,' I said to him, 'you are the first burglar I have had in my house for thirty years.'

"'Yus, mum,' he answered, 'an' you wouldn't 'ave 'ad *me* if you'd of 'ad a proper dawg wot barked. You want a dawg wot keeps the burglars aht, not one wot lets 'em in and then won't let them go.'

"I wonder if he is right. I must ask the dear vicar his opinion.

"'Hif hi was you,' the burglar went on, 'hi'd give that there silent dawg of yours to old Stanley Sealed-Lips Baldwin an' call 'im "Is Master's Voice."'

"Of course, I couldn't allow disrespect to our Prime Minister, so I telephoned to the police to come at once. I asked the burglar why he was laughing while the policemen were putting the handcuffs on him. He told me that Bongo had bitten the sergeant. . . .

"Your affectionate Aunt Thisbe."

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A group of Cambridge scientists, by scientific methods which no Front Bench oratory will shake, has exposed the methods of the Home Office Air Raids Precautions Department as a suicidal hoax.

WHILE the Chancellor was announcing his £400,000,000 loan for the manufacture of armaments, these scientists were showing that, in terms of defence, civilians were worse than defenceless: they were being led into death-traps by the advice of the Air Raids Precautions Department.

What JOHN BULL has been saying about the calamitous futility of the Air Raids Precautions Department has been amply confirmed by personal and carefully documented experiment.

The group includes people like J. D. Bernal, Professor H. A. Harris, Dr. Joseph Needham, and C. H. Waddington, who have a world-wide reputation as experimental scientists.

In "The Protection of the Public from Aerial Attack" (Gollancz, 2s. 6d.) these scientists who are anti-war, not through sentiment but by scientific conviction, deal with so-called "gas-proof" rooms, gas-masks, the protection of children, and incendiary bombs.

The last on the Air Raids Precautions Department's own definition, are the greatest of the three dangers of air raids — greater than high-explosive bombs or gas-bombs. The first are the only line of defence against gas, and the 30,000,000 gas masks which the Government is providing free merely a last resort.

Gas is the three dangers, is, according to the officials of the so-called Air Raids Precautions Department, the "least important." But it is the only one against which they even pretend to offer "protection." And what a deadly pretence!

THE picture, which the scientists draw from their careful tests, of a combined incendiary bomb and gas attack is terrible.

"If we take a specimen raid, nine bombers each carrying one thousand 1-kilo incendiary bombs, nine thousand of these would be dropped on an area of two square miles. On a generous allowance for failures, in an urban area one-fifth at least of these would cause fires.

"This makes 1,800 fires. The danger of fire spreading over several blocks of buildings, as in the San Francisco and Tokyo earthquakes, making the centre of the conflagration quite unapproachable by fire brigades, is obvious.

"On hearing the air-raid warning, people will rush to their 'gas-proof' rooms and then, when the incendiary bombs set fire to the upper parts of their dwellings, they will either run out and be caught by the gas, or stay inside and be roasted alive under the burning house.

"This is how they would act if they followed the instructions of the Home Office. As, however, our experiments with the 'gas-proof' rooms illustrate quite clearly that the ordinary dwelling-house is quite incapable of affording protection, it will not matter much what the civil population does under gas or incendiary bomb attack."

The scientists also tested a thermite incendiary bomb. They could not get the perfected bomb of the armament manufacturers, which explodes when water is thrown over it, but a crude one made of welding thermite (such as is used in welding tramlines) gave emphatic enough proof.

It burned through two inches of sand (the Home Office advises throwing sand over it) and through a tin container and a tongued and grooved floor. Following the instructions of the Air Raids Precautions Department, an experimenter in heavy gloves and dark-glasses tried to lift up the blazing bomb (which becomes liquid fire) with a long-handled shovel.

HE could place only a third of it in a sand bucket. In water, the home-made bomb did not explode but it went on burning until it dropped through the bottom of the bucket.

There is no known chemical extinguisher to deal with thermite, which can burn in the absence of air as no other substance can. It will burn through a roof and drop, as liquid fire, through successive floors.

"The recommendations of the Home Office, as far as they concern the private householder, are little better than useless. . . A five-inch concrete roof is the minimum defence."

Tell that to the families in a crowded tenement or a suburban semi-detached!

The Home Office, except in so far as it has thrown the onus of improved fire brigades on to local authorities, has virtually confessed itself beaten by incendiary bombs. But it has made an elaborate pretence of gas-protection.

The scientists "gas-proofed" four rooms in Cambridge, according to A.R.P. Handbook instructions to the general public—a shop-cellar, a dining-room in a semi-detached house, the sitting-room of a council house, and the bathroom of a modern villa.

But even the "best result" was only death a little longer deferred. Bricks and plaster, closed chimneys, doors sealed by all the suggested methods could not keep out gas. In the worst room, gas which would kill outside in 2½ minutes would kill inside in ten.

In the best, a dose deadly in 3½ minutes would kill in four hours, and a "12 minutes dose" in 12 hours.

But, assuming that the Air Raids Precautions could produce an absolutely gas-tight room, the occupants would die, like the victims of the Black Hole of Calcutta, of heat stroke or suffocation, within the 12 hours which the Home Office gives as the safe period.

The Government experts are still promising us protection for children under five who could not possibly wear a gas-mask. The scientists examine and discard all the existing suggestions. And reasons will be obvious to any mother that an infant in an enclosed bag would scream itself into fits, that it would need feeding and changing, etc.

Anyway, what of the poor mother in an air raid expected to pump air for a number of small children?

"Would," ask the investigators, "mothers and fathers protect themselves and watch their children suffocate before their eyes?"

GOVERNMENT civilian gas-masks are still secret, but the investigators used the most effective type of commercial mask and found that while it protected, for a limited time, against "true" gases like chlorine and phosgene, it could only be used by healthy, robust people and children over five.

Against blistering gases (the "favourites" mustard gas and Lewisite) it was not effective.

Everyone, the Home Office suggests, should set aside a room as a "gas-proof" chamber. The scientists show that 1,000,000 people are already overcrowded and cannot conceivably provide such a room, and that 6,759,000 would be impossibly overcrowded if they tried to.

It is not as though the Government cannot know the facts. The experimenters base their technique for testing gas leakage on the methods of the peaceful Food Investigation Board of the Government. One of its jobs is to keep carbon dioxide gas from escaping from fruit stores.

They found that they had to have specially built warehouses, with concrete walls, lined with galvanised sheets, smeared thickly with vaseline. And there was still a slight leakage.

What, then, is the meaning of this tragic—even criminal—farce? It is, as they always insist, to "prevent panic." And "panic" for war purposes is defined as "inducing Governments to sue for peace."

In time of preparation for war—when such a war measure as a £400,000,000 defence loan is being launched—people must be lulled into false security rather than they should know that, for all their armaments, they will perish horribly.

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# Stop FLOGGING Children!

—By—
## Hannen Swaffer

THERE is a new orgy of flogging of children in this country. *It must be stopped.*

Had the Bishops of the Church of England done their duty when the Children and Young Persons Bill was before the House of Lords, in 1932, there would have been an end of it.

Yet because sixty-five peers, most of them Diehards, the Duke of Wellington, Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Middleton, Earl Peel, Earl Selborne, Lord Banbury, Lord Conway, Lord Danesfort, Lord Lloyd and Lord Jessel among them, voted for the whipping of children brought before juvenile courts, the House of Lords inserted into the Children's Act an amendment in favour of whipping.

### TWO SAID YES

The House of Commons, which had already passed the Bill, had wiped flagellation whipping off the Statute Book. The Peers put it back again!

I am not surprised that the only two bishops who voted, Liverpool and Southwark, were in favour of whipping, for the history of bishops in the House of Lords has been one long record of opposition to reform and progress.

There are a few enlightened bishops, but alas very few. . . .

It was Lord Bertie of Thame who proposed the amendment making whipping legal. It was in vain that the Earl of Lucan, speaking for the Government, asked Lord Bertie to withdraw his amendment.

There had been very little criticism of the proposal to end the birching of children when it was discussed in the House of Commons, he said. During the debate on second reading there was no unfavourable comment; in the Committee stage an amendment was moved, but it was negatived without a division.

Lord Danesfort actually told the Peers how Lord Curzon rather prided himself on the fact that he had been birched at school. Although he did not say so in terms, added the good old Diehard, evidently it was in his mind that the eminence which he subsequently attained was in part, at any rate, due to his early correction."

### HUMBUG

Yet it was of Lord Curzon that someone wrote:

"My name is George Nathaniel Curzon;
I am a most superior person";

and it was Lord Curzon who, right to the end of his life, adopted towards the world a cold demeanour that was the eighth wonder of the world. If flogging had done any good, it would have improved that out of him.

Viscount Exmouth, who also favoured whipping, told the Peers that he once took charge of a small reformatory known as before that, "when a boy was particularly bad, they thrashed the life out of him first, and while he was still uncomfortable from the whipping he was taken down into the office of the superintendent, an old, broken-down clergyman, who prayed over him. The boys hated the prayer more than they hated the whipping."

No doubt the boys realised what humbug it was to pray about something which flogging could not cure.

Why, once Viscount Exmouth even caught a boy smoking!

"I had to whip sometimes," he said. "One was for smoking tobacco. To these young fellows, tobacco is as poisonous as opium is to a European. . . . I think if it is said by both Houses of Parliament that whipping as a punishment is discredited, it will be a serious matter."

My mind went back to 1810, when the Lords debated a Bill to abolish capital punishment for shoplifting to the value of 5s. and upwards. Lord Ellenborough, a famous Lord Chief Justice, went green at the thought of passing such a Bill.

"My Lords," he said, "if we suffer this Bill to pass, we shall not know where we stand; we shall not know whether we are upon our heads or our feet. Repeal this law and see the contrast—no man can trust himself for an hour out of doors without the most alarming apprehensions that, on his return, every vestige of his property will be swept off by the hardened robber."

So, in 1831, a boy of thirteen, John Bell by name, was hanged at Maidstone. Two years later, a boy of nine, named Nicholas White, pushed a stick through the broken glass of a London shop-window and raked out a few pieces of children's painting colours, valued at twopence. For this offence the unfortunate boy was dragged before Mr. Justice Bosanquet at the Old Bailey, and solemnly and seriously sentenced to be "hanged by the neck until he was dead."

### THEN TEA

Well, while that barbarity has gone, the barbarity of flogging remains. Yes, it is still legally possible for a child of eight to be ordered birching by a magistrate!

In consequence, such extraordinary things are happening that Harry Ainger, the white-haired chairman of the Aldershot Juvenile Court, admitted that, after he had ordered three boys aged ten, eleven and twelve to be birched hard, he watched the birching and then invited the victims to tea on Sunday!

I hope he said Grace—"For what we are about to receive"—before the tea, I mean.

The boys had broken out of an approved school, stolen property, and lived in a shack on some waste land.

"Yes, I believe in birching," he boasted afterwards, "though I have been almost shouted down for saying so at magistrates' meetings.

*"To-day these boys had it properly, and I stood by to see they did. We had a new birch to do it with, and I told the sergeant not to be in a hurry. They had to wait a quarter of an hour first, while I smoked a cigarette; part of the punishment, you see."*

Ainger boasted to a reporter that during the nine years he had been chairman of the local juvenile court he had "remarkable success" in handling young people. Yet one of the children birched at his orders had been given six strokes the week before for doing the same thing!

Perhaps if Ainger smokes two cigarettes next time, while the trembling boys wait, he will have even more "success."

Ainger may not know, but the Home Office looks with disfavour on all the birching that is going on. Numerous petitions from parents have reached it. They are all sympathetically received.

### TWICE AS MANY

After the House of Lords had refused to sanction abolition of the birch, the Home Office circularised magistrates, time after time, advising them to disregard the Act and use other methods of correction. But, in spite of the Home Office, there has been such a revival of child birching that the number of the sentences of the kind passed last year was double what it was in 1930!

Labour J.P.s often leave the Bench as a protest when their colleagues, who are birching beaks, decide on the whipping of offenders.

Stupid magistrates do not know, but research by the Home Office and the Board of Education into the effect of birching has revealed two remarkable facts:

1. That one in every four children birched is in trouble again of a more serious offence within one month.

2. That four-fifths of all children birched are convicted for graver offences within two years.

Students of child psychology know what birching beaks do not—that a whipped child tries to forget the shame and humiliation he has suffered in a display of bravado.

*Although the Home Office has told justices that birching is ineffective, that it achieves no good, that it is not a deterrent but a creator of crime, the orgy of birching goes on. It is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of common sense.*

The history of penal reform shows that as barbarities are dropped from the penal code crime decreases.

Now, what is to be done about all these white-haired magistrates who still sit in juvenile courts? The authorities are trying to encourage their retirement. They are out of date.

Time after time the Home Office has pleaded that charges against children should be heard only by young men and women with a knowledge of children's minds and children's instincts. Unfortunately, the Lord Chancellor has not seen fit to appoint younger justices. So the old duds go on.

Yes, flogging must stop! Yet, while I say this, there is actually a magistrate at Fleetwood who the other day advocated the flogging of steam-trawler hands who missed their ships!

Two wicked men had failed to join their trawlers, and this so incensed the feelings of Major J. H. Kean, the chairman of the Bench, who is an elderly solicitor, that he said:

"But for the fact that you are first offenders, you would have changed your address from Fleetwood to Walton Jail, Liverpool, for a time. I wish the Bench had the power to inflict such punishment as would be felt physically upon your backs."

Now, if an omnibus driver or any other working man fails to turn up in the morning, he is not liable to a fine or to imprisonment. Why should a seaman be? Why should a fisherman be fined?

It is a relic of the days of the "bucko mate," who did the flogging when sailors did not join their ships, the man who could with impunity punch the face of any seaman whom he did not like.

You may have forgotten, but it was only just before the war that flogging was abolished in the Navy—I mean the flogging of the men who not long afterwards saved us from invasion, men but for whom we should have lost the war.

"It will be an end of the Navy if flogging is abolished," wrote veteran admirals to the *Times*. How Bernard Shaw mocked at them and made them writhe!

Yet, while that has gone, seamen can still be fined and sent to jail. The Seamen's Union has in vain tried to get this punishment removed from the Merchant Shipping Act, but always the owners have beaten them.

"There must be no risk of the loss of profit," you see. The owners talk of the "great delay" when a deck hand fails to turn up in time for sailing.

### FINE THE OWNERS

Largely, this is just bunk. When a ship goes to sea—a fishing vessel or a merchant ship—there is nearly always on the quay a group of men waiting for the last-minute chance of a job.

The people who should be fined are the shipowners who refuse to improve the terrible conditions in which their crews live on board.

More and more, owners of trawlers are manning their boats with immature youths engaged at scandalous wages—youths who are a danger to themselves in bad weather and a danger to the older members of the crew.

Loss of life is not only common among these boy fishermen when big waves sweep the deck. Many older men with families have lost their lives lately in trying to save boys who have been washed overboard.

Now, at last, there is a revolt among deck hands in the fishing ports. They are refusing to go to sea when inexperienced youths form a large portion of the crew.

During the recent storms of the last few weeks the loss of life among fishermen has been unusually heavy. Largely it is the fault of owners, who certainly deserve a flogging much more than their unfortunate employees.

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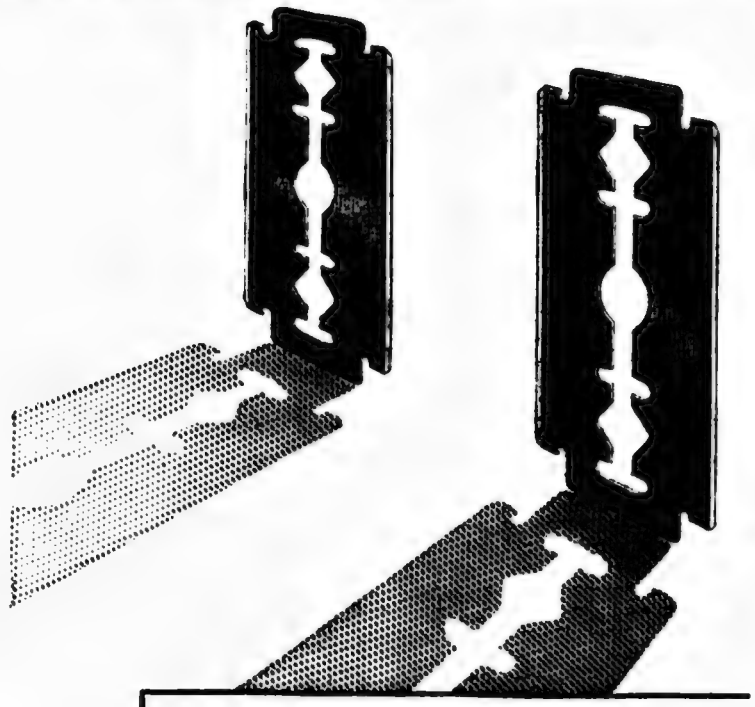

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## SCANDALS IN THE NEWS

*PROBLEMS of Health, Finance, Politics, Trade and Spoliation of the countryside all figure in the scandals dealt with on this page.*

*They raise issues affecting nearly every phase of daily life . . .*

# SHADY FINANCIERS IN FLIGHT

*Sir Tindal Atkinson*

**VERY soon now, you will be reading of a new batch of prosecutions against shady financiers by the Metropolitan and City of London Police.**

**They became alarmed at recent prosecutions in connection with alleged share-pushing activities and decided that other countries are likely to be more healthy for them than England.**

One of these gentry, whom the police are most anxious to find, is a man by the name of Stanley Grove Spiro, who in the past has taken a prominent part in many dubious schemes.

JOHN BULL had occasion some time ago to draw attention to the disastrous failure of Recordahphones, Ltd., of Radio Works, Letchworth, a company of which this same Spiro was a director during its short, hectic career.

More than £150,000 was frittered away in that company within the space of eighteen months. When the concern went into liquidation, the Official Receiver reported: "The business of the company has been thoroughly mismanaged. The company had practically no revenue, and lived on its capital. Even that was not prudently administered."

Spiro had an office in Suffolk Street, London, where several of his companies were housed. Through one of them—Cardinal Productions, Ltd.—he held a financial interest in a successful musical play now running at a London theatre. He engaged a well-known young woman journalist to conduct publicity for artists in the show, and now owes her money for the work she carried out.

Of course, the play is in no way affected by Spiro's sudden exit from London.

We are able to give the reassuring news that a number of other prosecutions of share-pushers and notorious bucket-shop proprietors are to be instituted.

Already several warrants are in the hands of detectives of the Metropolitan and City Police for execution, and others will be issued shortly.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Tindal Atkinson, is determined that the flagrant share-pushing crooks shall be brought to justice. His department is taking over all the contemplated actions.

# SPOILING BRITAIN'S BEAUTY

**MEMBERS of Parliament in a recent debate denounced the spoliation of the countryside which is going on in many parts of Britain.**

**"Beauty spot after beauty spot had been defiled by the erection of ugliness,' said one M.P. who deplored the vandalism that is taking place.**

**This subject is of burning importance to people throughout the country, but in Buckinghamshire, particularly, local feeling is at present running high.**

**While desperate efforts are being made to save 160 acres of glorious Chiltern countryside from spoliation by the building of factories and by other unsightly developments, another scheme is being launched to build factories at Booker, a village beauty spot near High Wycombe!**

**This delightful Chiltern village is 500 feet above sea level and clear of the smoke and noise of the factories which are concentrated down in the valley at Wycombe. Booker has, in fact, been described by doctors as one of the best housing sites within a hundred miles of London.**

**Yet if the present plans of the local Council are not upset, factories will soon** rear their ugly heads on this stretch of lovely countryside.

It is not surprising in the circumstances that over 100 local residents have petitioned the authorities in protest.

"Let us state our case to the Minister of Health and we are confident of the result," is the plea of the people of Booker, who are convinced that certain local interests are trying to rush the scheme through with speed before there can be any official intervention.

Workmen have already made their appearance on the site, and people living in houses near by are in despair, feeling that they have been tricked.

*Mr. Bossom, M.P.*

"Most of us who have bought houses at Booker did so because we were assured that we should be in a strictly residential area," declares one resident. "We came here for health and quiet, but things are developing queerly.

"Some time ago a factory owner in the town bought the plot of land in the middle of us and, presumably to enable this man to put up factories, the local Council has advertised a new planning scheme, showing our area as zoned for factory sites."

The Cressex New Area Vigilance Committee has already been formed and represents 110 owners in the locality.

This dispute in Buckinghamshire is symptomatic of what is happening throughout the country.

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Mr. Bossom, Conservative M.P. for Maidstone, suggests that the Government should appoint a Parliamentary Secretary, assisted by an honorary Advisory Committee, with a view of co-ordinating all the voluntary bodies now fighting to save individual areas.

We hope something will be done.

# THE TRADE DELEGATION MYSTERY

**WHEN a foreign trade delegation, claiming to be authorised by the Government of Yugo-Slavia, disappears mysteriously from the City of London, the public has a right to demand some explanation.**

**Until a few days ago the house of Chalmers, Guthrie and Co., Ltd.—described as "merchant bankers"—in Guildhall Annexe, King Street, London, displayed an ornate plate which carried the arms of Yugo-Slavia, and the notice that within was the "Delegation of the Office for Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Yugo-Slavia."**

**Now that plate is missing, and JOHN BULL can reveal an interesting story behind its disappearance.**

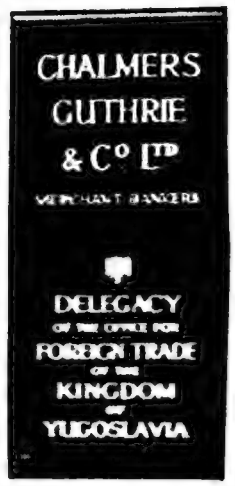
**Head of this reputed delegation was a Mr. Dobra Zebitch, one time in the consular service of his country.**

**By what process Zebitch became a trade delegation is not quite clear. The Legation of Yugo-Slavia disavows that such an organisation exists, or has any official backing.**

**Actually Zebitch was in business on his own account; endeavouring without great success to further commercial transactions between Britain and Yugo-Slavia on a commission basis.**

**Yet he surrounded himself with proper consular atmosphere. His letter-paper was official in design, and he issued documents which to the inexperienced would pass as having Government department authority.**

**It was his practice to pose as the representative of the Minister of Commerce and Industry of Yugo-Slavia, and to stamp his letters with an insignia.**




*The impressive plate which until recently adorned the Delegation Office*

**Now, at the insistence of the Yugo-Slavian Legation, the plate of the "Delegation of Foreign Trade" has been removed, and Zebitch is working without borrowed plumage as a simple commission agent.**

**That Dobra Zebitch should have masqueraded as a delegation in conjunction with Chalmers, Guthrie and Co. is of more than usual interest. For this firm of "merchant bankers" has had a chequered career.**

**Not long ago this "bank" was severely criticised in financial newspaper columns for its advertisements offering clients attractive terms for current and deposit accounts. Chalmers, Guthrie issued an extensively printed brochure in which it was stated: "Modern times demand modern methods and ideas, but the main sheet anchor and desire of all is to preserve and maintain always the soundness of the principles of conservative banking."**

**No information was given to prospective customers as to the security behind current and deposit accounts, although a general claim was made that Chalmers, Guthrie carried out "intimate dealings with active traders, manufacturing and merchandising concerns."**

**From the return filed at Somerset House it appears that this conservative banking house, with modern ideas, made a loss during the two years of trading covered by the balance-sheet of £1,365.**

# More Typhoid Secrecy

**HERE is an unpleasant sequel to the scandal of Bournemouth's typhoid epidemic, to which JOHN BULL first gave national publicity last autumn.**

**Following our disclosures we received letters from towns all over the country from people who had lost relatives from typhoid since they had visited Bournemouth, which was convincing evidence that the terrible figures of 535 cases and 44 deaths did not represent the full toll of this dreadful epidemic.**

**Now at long last an enquiry is to be held—but *in camera!* Again we ask, why this secrecy?**

**"Why *in camera?*" demands one father, whose son, J. A. Carleton Hunter, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.D.S., died early in his brilliant career at the age of twenty-nine, from typhoid caught during a holiday at Bournemouth.**

**This father rightly insists that the forthcoming enquiry should be wide open and the findings given the utmost publicity. "There should be no suggestion of hush-up . . ."**

**Uneasiness will not be allayed by an enquiry held in secret. Such tactics will, in fact, convince the public that the local authorities have something to hide.**

**For that reason alone we urge the authorities to come out into the open.**

## Politics And You . . .

# Family Courts

WHILE public attention has been focussed on the Divorce Bill now [illegible] way through Parliament, a more modest measure, also dealing with matrimonial tangles, has been introduced and stands a good chance of becoming law this year.

[illegible] to take away from ordinary courts all disputes between husband and wife. It proposes that applications for separation, maintenance and affiliation orders should be dealt with by special courts where they can be treated with sympathy and as little publicity as possible.

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At present these unfortunate squabbles are crowded courts with anything [illegible] J.P.s on the Bench and the [illegible] of nosey-parkers.

[illegible] involved in these cases are [illegible] working-class people, the [illegible] of a particularly intimate [illegible] dear to them, their children's relations that their troubles should be turned into an entertainment for neighbours.

If this Bill passes, these cases will go before three magistrates only, one of whom must be a woman, sitting more as friendly advisers than judges.

The general public will be excluded and only those directly concerned in a case will be admitted. Newspaper reports of the proceedings will be restricted to merely a brief summary of the facts.

Machinery will be set up to help applicants unable to afford legal assistance to state their side of the quarrel to the best advantage; and conciliators are to be appointed whose job it will be to try, in a friendly, tactful way, to bring husband and wife together again if humanly possible.

The records show that 14,000 summonses of this sort are heard every year in the police courts and a very much larger number is contemplated; 10,000 orders are made.

This Bill, therefore, fills a real need. JOHN BULL hopes it passes—soon.

# RHEUMATISM

## *Nature cures it with her own*

## MIRACULOUS SALTS of the EARTH

**Up and down the country, thousands of Rheumatic sufferers are finding lasting relief in nothing more impressive than a daily glass of water with a teaspoonful of Fynnon Salt in it. What is the Secret of this simple remedy?**

It is a remarkable fact that in those parts of Europe where the climate tends to foster the scourge of Rheumatism, Nature has caused to spring out of the earth itself, waters charged with just those mineral salts which cure Rheumatism.

Not all of us, however, have the time or the money to take a leisurely 'cure' at one of the fashionable spas. But a brilliant chemist has analysed afresh the water of some of the curative springs and has combined their most potent constituents (sodium, potassium and the elements of lithium, etc.) in the convenient Fynnon Salt.

### Spa Treatment at Home

This means that you can now get the medicinal benefit of spa water from your own tap. Stir a teaspoonful of Fynnon Salt into a glass of cold or warm water, drink it before breakfast every day — and what happens? The 'salts of the earth' will soon begin to attack the uric acid deposits in your blood, dissolving the pain-making crystals and washing the poisons clean out of your system. Then, as naturally as day follows night, Rheumatic swellings subside, sudden stabs of sciatica disappear and creaking joints move freely and easily once again. This joyful picture is not imaginary—it is happening everywhere to-day and Fynnon Salt is the reason.

### Positive Daily Fitness

A glass of water with Fynnon Salt has Nature's power not only to rid you of rheumatic pain and disfigurement, but also to make you positively fit. Fynnon Salt stimulates kidney and bowel action, thus purifying the blood and helping to get rid of superfluous fat and all clogging waste matter.

Many rheumatic sufferers find relief with their first tin of Fynnon Salt, but to free the system entirely and enjoy *permanent* fitness, it is best to take 'Nature's salts of the earth' in a glass of water every morning on rising.

***SODIUM***
***POTASSIUM***
***LITHIUM***
***etc.***

These mineral elements abound in the earth itself and draw thousands of wealthy sufferers every year to the great Rheumatic Spas (a typical scene below). You can enjoy their healing power in your own home; a 1/3d. tin of Fynnon Salt enables you to 'take the waters' every day for a month.

## Listen to the Voice of Experience!

These letters are taken at random from our files and can be seen at the Fynnon Ltd. office.

### 15 YEARS OF CRIPPLING RHEUMATISM ENDED

"For 15 years I have suffered with Rheumatism, have been doubled up and had no power in my legs and could not straighten myself. I have tried many cures with no results until my last illness. Whilst I was laid by in terrible pain a friend asked me if I ever tried Fynnon Salt. She told me what wonderful salts they were. Before I had finished one and a half tins, the pain had gone and I could hold myself upright again. I shall always praise your wonderful salts and the good they have done me."—Mr. W. McK., Sutton, Surrey.

### YOUNG ARTHRITIS VICTIM FREED

"For several years I had been a sufferer with Arthritis. Only at very brief intervals was I free from excruciating pain; various medicines and treatments brought but temporary relief. I was beginning to despair as I am only 36 years of age and began to wonder what I would be like at fifty. About two months ago Fynnon Salt was recommended to me—yet the stories of cures seemed fantastic; however, I purchased my first tin, and took the prescribed dose for Arthritis. Gentlemen, I am a new man, free of aches, pains and stiffness and have been since I finished my first tin a month ago."—Mr. A. R. Warr, Ilford, Essex.

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"I have had acute sciatica for nine months before Oct. 1st, 1936. I started taking Fynnon Salt on that date and have taken it regularly each morning ever since and am still taking it.

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# *Wanted:* A NEW LONDON

**By A. G. GARDINER**

THREE weeks hence, on March 4, every citizen of London within the County Council boundaries has a duty which he (or she) should not fail to perform. It is to go to the polls and vote.

The duty needs stressing, for the Londoner in the lump is shamefully neglectful of his first responsibility as a citizen, which is to take his part for the welfare and efficient government of the common estate.

In this respect, I believe, he is disgracefully behind the meanest municipality in the provinces.

Consider this fact: At the last L.C.C. election, in 1934, the total poll represented only 32.8 of the electorate. That is to say, only one registered voter in three took the trouble to record his vote.

At the previous election the poll represented only 27.8 of the electorate! Hardly more than one in four was sufficiently interested in his own city—and that the greatest city the world has ever known—to spare five minutes in its service.

Such indifference makes one despair both of London and democracy. And until the people of London are awakened out of this torpor and display as much of the spirit of city patriotism as, say, the people of Birmingham or Nottingham, the Metropolis will continue to be, what it is to-day, the most chaotic and wastefully governed city in the Empire.

In saying this I do not endorse the horrific picture of London which has just been presented to the world by Mr. Robert Sinclair in a book entitled "Metropolitan Man" (Allen and Unwin).

It is a remarkable book, a roaring cataract of indignation that gathers a thousand ugly facts in its torrent and heaves itself at this city with a passion and violence as sincere as they are extravagant.

"Hell is a city much like London," said Shelley in jest more than a century ago; but Mr. Sinclair says much the same in fierce earnest to-day.

EVERY phase of London's being—its people, their customs, their food, their institutions, their amusements, their hypocrisies—come under the lash of his anger, and he bursts out ceaselessly into this sort of invective:

"The greatest Metropolis of the twentieth century is dirty, poor, unorganised, factious, ignorant, aimless and leaderless. One in three of its wretched inhabitants dies in the workhouse.

"Glorious London, immense, ruthless, sentimental London, cradle of Parliaments, vault of Crœsus, shrine of history and site of the Imperial College of Science and Technology—London, field of adventure, arena of the young, stage of Shakespeare, child of Wren, mother of nations—liar, oppressor, gaudy pauper and provincial-minded humbug."

There is not one redeeming feature, not one ray of light, in this City of Dreadful Night. He piles up his indictment against it by a thousand details gathered from public documents, skilfully woven into his breathless narrative and all deepening the horror of the hell he is exploring.

His fecundity of illustration is ruthless and inexhaustible. He knows every foul fact about us, from the percentage of verminous heads in a Kennington slum to the tonnage of filth to the square mile that hangs over central London on a dirty day. And he hurls it at us with an eloquent fury that never tires.

Some of the facts, Mr. Herbert Morrison says, "need checking." They do. That staggering statement, for example, which is repeated again and again, that "one in three of its wretched inhabitants dies in the workhouse." This astonishing fact is arrived at by lumping together all deaths in hospitals and public institutions, which have nothing whatever to do with poverty, as "deaths in the workhouse."

London is not the unmitigated abode of darkness, death and damnation which this concentration on all the ugly facts of existence represents it to be. There are quite a lot of redeeming features about London. It would not be difficult, by collating those features, to make a picture as heavenly as Mr. Sinclair's is hellish. And it would be equally untrue.

FOR London is neither heaven nor hell, but the greatest problem of human government that mankind has ever been faced with. And, apart from his morbid obsession with the horrible, Mr. Sinclair's terrific indictment should shock the Londoner out of his complacence, send him to the poll, and compel him, as far as in him lies, to grapple with that problem.

No tinkering will solve it. Statesmanship of the first order alone can deliver London from the chaos into which it has fallen. Unlike Manchester, Birmingham, or any other municipality, it has no unity. Its governmental machine is a thing of shreds and patches—a jerry-built structure that has grown, never as a whole, but always by adding one rabbit warren to another.

In a real sense there is no such place as London, no such person as a Londoner. Three weeks hence we shall elect a new governing body for the L.C.C. But the L.C.C. area is not London. Inside that area, at its very heart, is another independent London, the City, over which the L.C.C. has no more control than it has over Mars.

And outside the County Council boundaries is the great new London that is turning the green fields to bricks and mortar, far into Essex, into Surrey, into Hertfordshire, into Kent, all unregulated, all uncontrolled by London, all subject to different authorities.

To add to the territorial puzzle of London there are the domain of the Metropolitan Police and the domain of Water Board, both different and the former not including the City, which has its own police.

From this ramshackle and piecemeal government spring the most fantastic and wasteful anomalies. Thus the County Council has to carry out great housing schemes in the Greater London over which the Council has no control.

AND the Green Belt, which the Council is seeking to put round London to save something of its amenities, is outside the Council's jurisdiction and has to be won by the consent of a multitude of local interests.

Add to all this the new industrial invasion of outer London and the complicated problems with which it is perplexing the Metropolis, and we have a governmental chaos that makes the mind reel.

London, as Mr. Morrison says, is too big. A quarter of the population of this island is now established within a circumference of twenty miles of Charing Cross. And still the stampede to the Metropolis goes on.

And over this vast city, no collective government, no central control, no co-ordination of parts, no unity of planning! Is there no statesman or Party that will grapple with this great problem and make the question of the root and branch reform of London government its own?

It is a tremendous task, but it is not beyond the scope of human wit, if once the impulse is given.

That impulse must come from an awakened public opinion. Let the public show on March 4th that the awakening has begun by such a demonstration at the polling booths as it has never made before.

## THE HUMAN MACHINE

NEXT to the way a man handles himself, the important thing is the way he handles other people. Human relationships are a puzzle that few solve satisfactorily; yet solved it must be if life is to run smoothly.

We all tend to be too ruthless in our relationships. We all want to impose our personalities on others. It is, after all, much easier to give orders than to work out a scheme of genuine co-operation!

Yet the only way to regard another human being is the way a good gardener regards a plant. He sees that it is kept free from weeds, that it gets air and sunlight, space in which to grow, protection from storms, help in its struggles upwards. He helps and encourages and watches.

And that is really how we should learn to handle people with whom we associate. We should help and encourage. We should never force.

Emotions and tendencies, little traits of character, ways of looking at life, ways of working out life's problems, may often appear to us to be as trivial as little seedlings—but their roots go deep.

It is worse than useless to dig down brutally to see how these roots are getting on. We do not help, and we not infrequently do harm.

We can only plant a little seed here, give a little support there, remove some obstruction to let in more fresh air and sunlight, and see to it that when the storms come there is the necessary support available.

No one has any right to dictate to anyone else. No one has any right to assume the responsibility for forcing a person's character into one channel or another. Our duty is to help and not to bully.

The basis of wisdom in human relationships is understanding. There would be far less irritation and tension in these relationships if we would all take the trouble to understand the problems with which we have to deal before we start dealing with them.

## Servant Of Man

STRANGE that the biggest of animals, the elephant, is the servant of men it could crush with a single blow. Still stranger that men are mastered by one of the smallest of living things—the 'flu germ!

This thought, occurring to a JOHN BULL reader, has brought him a big cheque. He was wise enough to put his thought into a few words for the most interesting and profitable of all literary competitions—*Bullets*.

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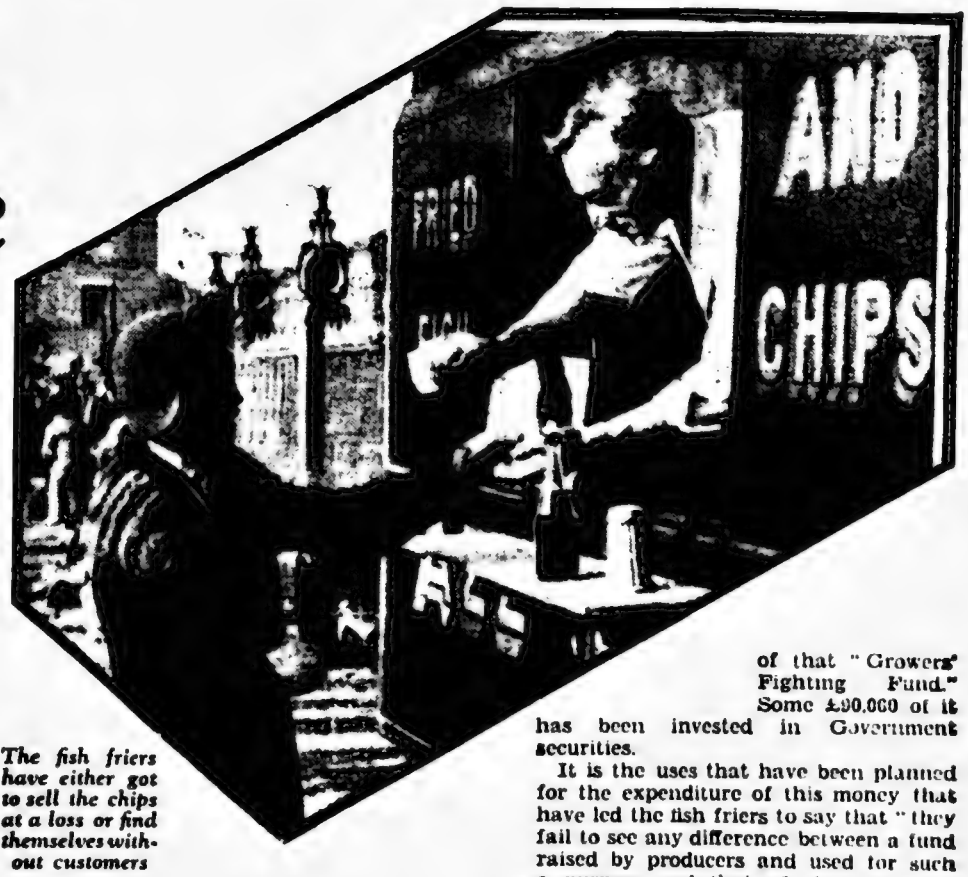
# Monstrous *Potato Price* RAMP




*The fish friers have either got to sell the chips at a loss or find themselves without customers*

*Potatoes unfit for human consumption are being poured on the market for YOU to eat.*

*You are being compelled to pay more for this rubbish than formerly for sound potatoes. And you are going to be compelled to pay still more.*

*There is no limit to what you are going to be made to pay. You may have to give up eating potatoes altogether.*

*In fact, you are the victim of a racket, one of the worst food rackets in the history of this country—a racket a hundred times more scandalous because it has been made possible by a body with powers conferred upon it by the Government.*

NO graver accusations were ever brought against any body with powers bestowed on it by the Government than those brought against the Potato Marketing Board by the National Federation of Fish Friers of Great Britain.

These men know something about potatoes, seeing that they sell 40 per cent. of the 5,000,000 tons eaten in Great Britain every year.

Not only do they lay these accusations at the door of the Board, but they also describe the methods employed.

They say that the Potato Marketing Board is deliberately creating artificial shortages and aggravating existing ones so that you will have to dip your hands deeper in your pockets.

Already the housewife is paying 1½d. a pound for poor grades of a potato when she was buying at 1d. a pound for the better grades a year ago. In some parts sound potatoes are unprocurable under 2d. a pound.

The friers also reveal that this Board set up by the present Government has a £500,000 "Growers' Fighting Fund" to fight YOU, the man who always pays. The objective? So that the consumer will draw no advantage, as he has done since the days of the ancient Egyptians, from seasons of plenty.

Their worst accusation is that the Board is cornering potatoes in the same way as the most sinister figures in American history have cornered wheat and other commodities.

A terribly ugly word, "cornering." That is the word they are using.

And this is no fish-shop whispering. The representatives of 33,000 fried fish and chip shops, whose sales total £60,000,000 a year, have laid their facts before the Consumers' Committee.

Laugh at that committee if you like. It is a survival of the old Food Council. There are many people who think it was appointed so that housewives would think their interests were being watched. Anyhow, there was nobody else for the fish friers to go to.

The full gravamen of the charges has apparently reached the Potato Marketing Board. In any case, its chairman, Captain John Mallett, has agreed to meet the fish friers on March 8.

There will be plenty for him to hear. In fact, both fish friers and the greengrocers—who handle the whole output of British potatoes—are in revolt.

Now the Potato Marketing Board has some influence on the fiscal policy of this country. Naturally, one supposes it has at heart the interests of the whole community. Let us see.

Every year it begins its annual report in the same way: "In preparing this account of their stewardship, the Board feel once again impelled to remind registered producers, *whose servants they are . . .*"

Good servants they are, too, judging by the way in which they are ready to banish every other section of the community from their calculations so long as the potato-growers benefit.

Just in case you think that they can be your good servants as well, read the other allegations against them that have been put before the Consumers' Committee.

It is recalled that the Board was brought into being to exercise control of home potato-growing.

It has only one way of controlling the farmer. It restricts the acreage of potatoes he may grow, so that he can get a higher price a ton for his supplies.

It controls retailers and householders in many more ways, but the effect is the same—to make them pay more!

In May, 1934, there was a serious shortage of potatoes, and shortage means higher prices. In 1935 there was a late frost, doing tremendous damage to the crop—and that, too, spelt higher prices.

The Potato Marketing Board met the frost by issuing a warning to growers pointing out the grave danger of over-planting. The hint: Still higher prices.

Grave danger to whom?

The result is going to be a much bigger shortage for 1937. We began the year with 500,000 tons less in hand and growers are determined to plant still fewer potatoes this year. And do you think, because of that coming shortage, the Board is shedding any tears on your account? Let us see what its officials are saying.

Said Captain Mallett at the annual meeting recently: "The price level of the season under review to the end of August, 1936, may be regarded as satisfactory. The mean price at Wisbech was 109s. a ton as against 73s.

A 36s. rise. And that is satisfactory.

Said another prominent member of the Board, callously: "I am afraid the bogy of the 1d. a pound potato must go."

See the frame of mind? Penny a pound potatoes (that is, 186s. 6d. a ton) to a poor devil in the Black Areas are a bogy. And 109s. a ton to the farmer who was drawing 30s. a ton more, at least, than during the previous seven years was merely "satisfactory."

Now listen to the complaint of the fish friers. "Farmers are at the moment refusing to sell good grade potatoes, stating freely that they will get £10 per ton in the near future."

And before a beneficent Government gave us the Potato Marketing Board, top prices were round about £4 a ton!

Let us return yet again to the period of shortage last year. So difficult was it for working-class people to afford potatoes last March that the Import Duties Advisory Committee decided to waive, for a time, the £1 a ton duty on foreign imported potatoes.

The Board's annual report calls that "an indifferent finish to an otherwise satisfactory year." But it goes on to congratuulate growers on getting £2 10s. an acre more for their yield.

The Board decided to meet the situation of shortage by permitting the sale of "seconds"—that is, potatoes that would pass through a riddle of from 1½ to 1⅞ inch mesh, and which normally couldn't be marketed.

Both fish friers and greengrocers report that there then came on the market a flood of inferior potatoes which, in many cases, had been intended for cattle food. Since they had been laid aside as cattle food, many of them had not been properly preserved.

They were for human consumption, now. One quarter of them had to be cut away to make them reasonably fit for the pot.

Indeed, JOHN BULL has been receiving hundreds of letters complaining about too-dear and rotten potatoes, and many of them complain that half of each potato had to be thrown away—unfit to eat.

In any case, the Potato Marketing Board didn't like that waiving of the duty on imported potatoes. What is the good of a shortage to its beloved growers if some other Government body is going to make up the shortage again?

And so the irrepressible Captain Mallett announced at Doncaster: "The main plank of the Board's policy is control of imports."

How monstrous that this Government-sponsored body should become almost dictatorial in its determination to starve the rest of the country to fatten potato farmers! Who authorised this Marketing Board to air its views on control of imports?

On another occasion Captain Mallett said that the Board aims at getting growers "some millions more" than they would otherwise obtain during a time of plenty.

And on yet another occasion he declared that the Board requires a "Growers' Fighting Fund" of £500,000, making no secret of the fact that it will be used to buy up surplus potatoes.

The Board, of course, is the only judge of what comprises "surplus potatoes."

It already has more than £100,000 of that "Growers' Fighting Fund." Some £90,000 of it has been invested in Government securities.

It is the uses that have been planned for the expenditure of this money that have led the fish friers to say that "they fail to see any difference between a fund raised by producers and used for such a purpose and that of the pernicious practice exploited in America to corner wheat, except that in America it is private speculation, while here it is by a Board acting under powers conferred on it by the Government of the day."

The position of the fish friers is as pitiable as that of the growers is enviable.

There are 33,000 of them in the country. Sixty-five per cent. of them are working at a loss. Reason: It is the chips that are all-important in the North and Midlands, just as it is the fish that is all-important in the South.

Out of 520 friers in the Tyneside towns, 430 of them are existing on the little capital they have left. Many have closed their doors.

To say that they should raise their prices to an economic level is to show ignorance of the lives and habits of people in the big industrial regions.

For millions of people fish and chips is the only cooked meal of the day. Four penny pieces of fish and two-pennyworth of chips make dinner or supper for the family.

"Bread and marg." or "bread and jam" keeps the rats from gnawing until the time arrives for that one bumper meal. What would happen if the fish friers passed on to those poor consumers every increase in potato prices? Most of them would have to cut out their one meal of the day.

Here and there the fish friers have tried to meet each rise by giving a few chips less. Hundreds of thousands of children who used to go out for a ha'porth of chips before they went to bed can no longer be given a hot supper.

Hundreds of thousands of families have cut out the only meal of the day.

The fish friers have either got to sell the chips at a loss or find themselves without customers.

And remember that each loss of a fish-and-chip customer means another blow at the fish trade, which is in need of every sympathy as it is. Fish saloons take 60 per cent. of the white fish caught round our shores. That will show you how much damage is possible to this important industry.

Yet the Potato Marketing Board goes on and on heedlessly with its fighting fund and its restrictions on production, its bitter opposition to imports and its promises to sky-rocket potato prices still higher. The producer alone matters; the rest can go to the devil.

The Earth may be the Lord's—but there must be no fulness thereof. Only scarcity. That benefits the potato farmers.

# NIGHT-LIFE SECRETS EXPOSED—1

# 'BOTTLE-P RACK Beats The

THIS week JOHN BULL begins a full-scale investigation into organised "night life" rackets of this country.

Almost every day for the past few weeks the public has been reading of police raids on "night clubs," "bottle parties," gambling haunts and dens of many kinds. In one week recently more than fifty separate cases were set down for hearing before magistrates in the West End of London.

Police activity is greater to-day than at any time since the "roaring 'twenties"—greater even than during the West End "clean-ups" organised by Lord Byng which culminated in the conviction of Sergeant Goddard for accepting bribes from night club proprietors.

It is being intensified still more. No fewer than six separate "vice squads" are now operating under highly placed officers from Vine Street, Marlborough Street, Cannon Row, Marylebone, Charing Cross Road and Tottenham Court Road.

They work under the closest co-ordination and often, as on one night recently, over one hundred police officers are concerned in a single "drive."

That alone is some indication of serious work afoot. For in the wildest days of the 'twenties, when Mrs. Meyrick and her "43" Club were symbols of what passed for "night life" in London, such supervision as existed was directed from one station only—Vine Street—and was handled by a half-dozen officers.

And all this exceptional police activity is spreading out. The provincial forces are collaborating in the war against the various rackets, some foolish, but most of them downright evil, which we lump together under that general phrase, "night life."

So are certain other civil forces of the Crown, of which the public seldom hears, like the "I.B." sections of the Customs and the Post Office.

*Why* is there all this sudden and unprecedented effort on the part of the authorities? Against what or whom is it directed?

In some quarters it has been said that the "purge" has been directed by Church influence in high places—as a kind of "follow-up" to the Primate's recent call to a deeper national religious feeling.

Another suggestion is that the Government wishes to clean up the country so that foreigners here for the Coronation will not take a bad impression away with them.

These speculations come nowhere near the truth. *The real truth is that the authorities are really frightened at some of the changes which have come over London's "night life" during the past year or two and about the people behind it.*

They know now that they are up against a vast industry, deeply entrenched and highly involved; an industry with a turnover from drink, drugs, gambling and other forms of organised vice running into about £6,000,000 a year.

At the base of the whole industry are the night clubs and the "bottle parties." To get their position right, to get some idea of the recent furious police "drives" against them, let us glance at their history.

They were born out of post-war hysteria when London was packed with "stayers-on," and jaded nerves needed a stronger fillip than public-houses and the licensing laws would provide. They supplied it with jazz and cabaret and dance "hostesses."

Patrons paid their 10s. or so to become members, and could drink, at a price, till the police came in. The police did *not* come in, on any scale, until the middle 'twenties, when the night clubs had flowered into such establishments as the "43," run by Mrs. Meyrick.

By that time dope and gambling were added "fillips" to night club life. The people behind it were bribing the police, and the authorities had had enough. The Byng régime at Scotland Yard put a damper on the business—but only for a time.

There was too much money in the business, and the law was too weak. Mrs. Meyrick admitted that £500,000 passed through her hands in the years 1919-1932. She had imitators who did as well as she, but even more successors.

The first was the "one-man" club, which could, and *still* can be registered for drinking out of licensed hours for a fee of five shillings paid to the Court Registrar. The second is the modern development of the "bottle party" which evades the law and dispenses even with a five-shillings payment to the Crown.

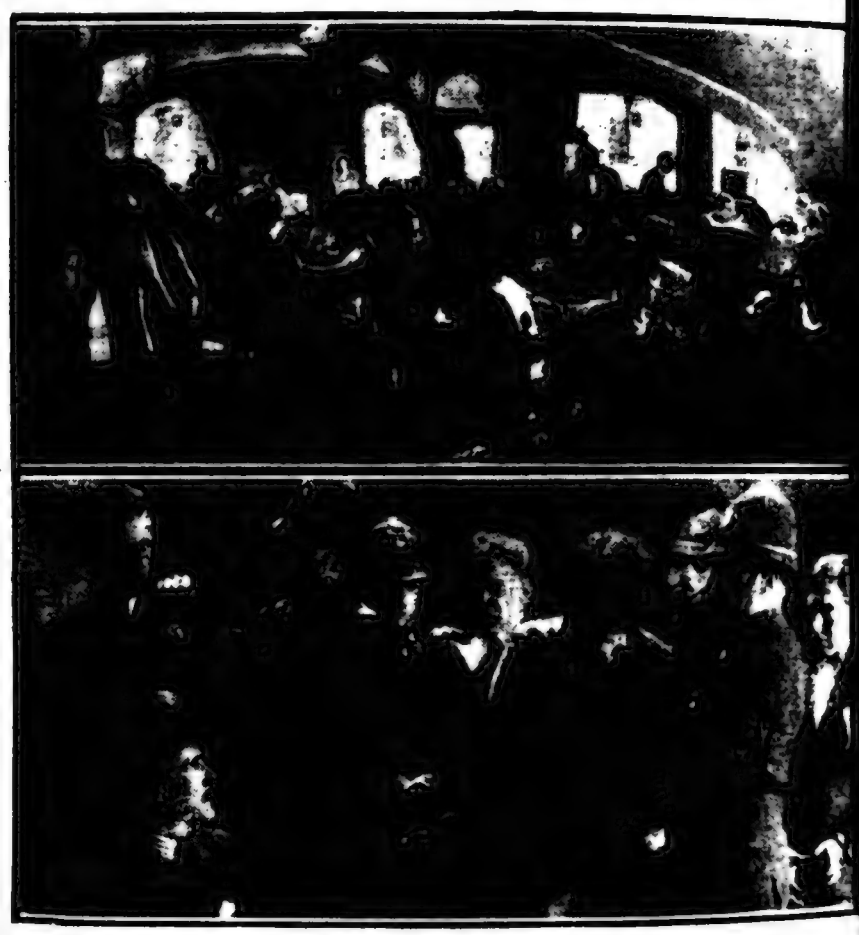
But the thing to remember is this: In the days when Lord Byng, at the request of Parliament, started out to clean up the West End there were possibly two score night clubs of the kind we are discussing throughout the whole of London.

*To-day there are more than four hundred night clubs, "bottle parties" and day drinking dens of every description within a quarter-mile radius of Piccadilly Circus!*

Beyond this central area and dotted along every arterial outlet to the borders of the suburbs are over one thousand more. Farther out but within an hour's car journey of London are hundreds of "road-houses," country night clubs catering specially for young people, with drinking facilities entirely beyond what the law permits or the social conscience allows.

Then, stretching out farther still are the chains of night clubs and their offspring which have been established in the big provincial cities.

According to estimates made by various competent authorities *there are now more than ten thousand "bogus" clubs flourishing throughout this country.* And the Revenue—this is worth remembering—derives an income of about £1,000,000 a year in Excise duties on drink and tobacco from their activities.



*In places that are little more than large cellars, drinking can go on till dawn. Sometimes there is a police raid—but in a short while, it starts all over again*

But the "bottle parties" are the thing. They are the device which has given the whole night club business a new life and the impetus for growth. Have you ever been in a "bottle party"? This is what happens.

You arrive at almost any one of them at, say, after midnight. There is a slight colloquy at the door. "Have you been here before?" says the manager. "No?" . . "Well do you know anybody here; have you been invited?" Obviously, you say "Yes."

But even if you are persistently honest about it and say "No," and you don't look too much like a policeman, he will drop the farce of this questioning and merely say "Five shillings, please"—or ten shillings or a guinea, according to the status of the party you are visiting.

Inside—nine times out of ten—is a smoky cellar, dimly lit, garishly furnished. A band plays at one end of the room. At some tables are elaborately garbed young women sitting usually in couples; "hostesses" they are called, waiting for people like yourself.

They are there to dance with you, drink with you, help to "make the party go"—all at a price.

A waiter is at your side in a moment with a "wine order." You look down the list: Whisky, 4s. rum, 25s. a bottle; brandy, 35s. champagne, £3 10s.; soda water, tonic water, 2s. 6d. a bottle.

"Have you got an order, sir . . ." (keeping up the farce that you haven't been there before and have given an order for the drink to be consumed this evening—the whole basis of this legal evasion).

If you say "No," he then says: "Well, fill in an order for as many bottles as you want, and we will hold them for you till you come again. Of course, you won't be charged for them until you drink them."

"Yes," you say, "but what do I do *now, to-night*, for a drink?" "Oh," says the waiter, "I can make that all right." He beckons to one of the hostesses. "This young lady can fix it for you; she's got some bottles you ordered." So—25s. for a bottle (you cannot order less than a bottle), a 10s. or £1 tip to the "hostess" for

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*A ring at the bell, an "entrance-fee," and the so-called guest can then start emptying his pockets*

kindly letting you "break in" on her order and your night begins.

You can drink like that till the dawn comes up. In the interval the hostess will probably have got to work on you with gambling machines, dancing fees and other devices for lightening your pocket. If people might call you a fool, well—five thousand people do it in London every night.

It would need far more than these two pages of JOHN BULL even to summarise some of the evils flowing from the unchecked spread of night clubs and similar resorts.

They are the main outlet for dope. Without the clubs all this pernicious trade would be driven farther underground or out of sight for ever. "Souteneurs," as the men are called who live by the traffic in women, depend largely on the night clubs for their human stock-in-trade.

And individual tragedies, the deaths or physical and financial ruin of young men and women occur monotonously every week. You remember the deaths of Freda Kempton and Billie Carleton which first shocked the majority of the public into knowledge of the existence of "night clubs" in the early 'twenties.

Well, there have been countless others since. In the files of coroners' inquest reports, kept in every newspaper office, you will find an average of one hundred suicide cases a year which are directly attributable to night clubs.

There is another consequence, however, which we must mention. It has had a lot to do with the frantic pre-Coronation drive against night clubs by the Home Office which is now proceeding.

You will find it in the last report of Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police There, besides openly admitting that it was impossible "under existing law" for the police to do more than "put a check on the most flagrant infringements," he expressed his fears about the effects of this club work on the police officers under him.

Only a certain type of man is suitable for this work, he said—the type for which the authorities have been moving the country and spending thousands to find—and besides the vast cost of supervision in time and money, these officers are becoming demoralised through having to drink and gamble while obtaining evidence.

But, effective, no doubt, as that Report has been upon Whitehall, there are stronger reasons still for spurring the Government into some final action. Here are some of them.

Eighty per cent. of London's "bottle parties" and night clubs are run by aliens, at least half of whom are under continual need to register. Their only interest is to get as much money out of the public in any possible way they can while the going is good Some of those ways, profitable and socially deadly forms of vice, we shall be discussing later.

In addition, a goodly proportion of the remainder, to judge by recent Court cases, are convicted criminals.

There is nothing to prevent a criminal from opening a club. No questions are asked. In one club raid a few weeks ago it was proved that the owner had started it within a few days of coming out on "ticket-of-leave." The magistrate was shocked, but nobody who knows the West End clubs was much surprised at the fact.

That point you might call a *moral* reason for action. Then there are sundry *economic* reasons, some of which are as follows:

For instance, a publican, an innkeeper, whether it is a tavern or a mammoth restaurant, pays licence, rates and taxes ranging from a few hundreds to £7,000-£8,000 a year for the business of selling drink within limited hours to those who want it.

The "bottle party" or night club proprietor pays nothing beyond the rates of the stable or the basement which he rents as cheaply as possible.

According to official police estimates, the takings of "bottle parties" in the West End total at least £14,000 a week. That is a singularly galling fact to hotel-keepers and others who have paid their dues to the State for the privilege of selling liquor legally.

There is evidence, too, that some "bottle party" proprietors are evading even the Excise duty on the drink they provide.

Not long ago an illicit still was unearthed at Edmonton, North London, and a great club search began by Customs officers and police.

There is a last point for action by the authorities against the clubs, and that is what we might call a *social* point. To evade a country's laws with impunity is a graver social danger to that country than the occasional breaking of the law.

And the club proprietors have been doing that all the time.

The Metropolitan Police have been helpless against the new invention of the "bottle party" unless they could prove that *anybody* could get in without "invitation" and so could obtain his drink for payment "without previous order." And that has been difficult.

They have found a weapon in the L.C.C. regulations which call for fines up to £100, and £50 a day thereafter, for places which provide a band without a music and dancing licence. And licences are not granted where drink is sold out of hours.

Most of the recent prosecutions of "bottle parties" have been based upon this point, and it looked as though the organisers would find it impossible to carry on.

But again they have found an ingenious way out to strengthen their legal claim of being a "private party."

The new way is simple. The proprietor or a paid "host" actually *lives* on the premises in properly furnished apartments. The waiters and so on are his "domestic staff," and he pays a manservant's licence for each of them

Thus, say the inventors of the idea, the legal demands of what is a private abode are established. And the proprietor can go out into the street if he wishes and ask anybody in to his "private party."

And if he has a band, and asks his guests to pay for drink, the law cannot stop him—any more than it could stop you from asking your guests to contribute to the costs of a party in your own home.

An alternative method of evasion is more audacious. It involves the establishment of a central bureau, a ticket-selling agency, serving a group of parties, in the West End of London. It would be open all night.

You go in, choose your "bottle party" from a list, and pay, say, 25s. for a card of invitation.

The card entitles you to drinks up to the amount you have paid. Both these methods are being offered, worked out in full, to "bottle party" proprietors at a fee—like a patent

So it goes on. The law is made a laughing-stock, and an enormous racket, run for the most part by social parasites and having incalculable potentialities for national damage, spreads like an evil smear across the country's life.

Only new and drastic legislation will end the night club business. All the Trenchard constables and all the pious horror by moral societies will not do it.

The police are powerless. For each club and party they succeed in closing, two more spring up like toadstools in the night. The position is farcical. Sir Philip Game knows it, Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary, knows it.

What is worse, the club and party proprietors know it and "laugh, and laugh, and laugh" at the authorities. This intolerable nuisance, this cancer in the heart of the world's greatest capital, must be cut out by rapid, caustic surgery. It is ruining hundreds of lives each month.

**NEXT WEEK: DOPE**

FRONT PAGE NEWS—10. BY STANLEY BISHOP

# GREAT GERMAN INVASION SCARE

*Leaving nothing to chance—A lone guard on the East Coast during the war years of terror; and (right) one of the trenches that were cut along the coast and manned by soldiers in case the enemy tried to land!*

A CURIOUS rhyme, date and origin unknown, but quoted by the old people of North Norfolk for more years than anyone can remember, runs:

*"Ye who would Old England win,*
*Must at Weybourne Hope begin."*

Really the tag is a Norfolk proverb forecasting the invasion of England. What is more, this jingle influenced military strategy and action during the war.

Weybourne Hope is the section of heavy shingle beach on the topmost corner of Norfolk, where the coast line is turning from East to West.

At this point the sea runs deep to the shore, and it is quite possible to bring sizeable ships near in. The one place in all England where a surprise landing of an enemy force could be made most easily.

Only those who lived in that part of the country in the earlier years of the war know how Weybourne Hope and the threat of a German attack was a fetish of home defence.

Nothing has ever been written—so far as I remember—in the way of newspaper records of the strange, unaccountable things which happened in East Anglia in those days. The alarms we had and the excitements have never been described.

Official statements were issued when air raids occurred, but they were fragmentary bulletins suppressing the essentials.

The story behind makes interesting reading, because it reveals something about a section of England which was hidden behind censorship.

It indicates also the kind of discipline which will be imposed over a far wider area should another world war develop.

Who realises now, for example, that an armoured train with six-inch naval gun and lesser armament made its daily patrol backwards and forwards on the railway behind the Norfolk coast?

Beaches were mined and wired with entanglements. A most elaborate system of trenches was dug. Machine-gun pill-boxes were at cross-roads, and complete arrangements were tabulated to evacuate the whole of the civilian population from the threatened area.

Drastic were the evacuation orders. Everybody was to go, and the places of their refuge were allocated. All horses and cattle were to be driven away. Bridges and roads were to be destroyed. Plans were down in black and white for the countryside to be turned derelict.

An Army headquarters was located at Thetford, Norfolk. This was the Southern Army, created specially to repel the Germans. Battalions, brigades, divisions had their locations from the Wash to Essex. The Northern Army held the coast beyond the Wash.

Thousands of trained fighting men were kept back from France and other war theatres because of the idea "the Germans are likely to come."

My recollections of that period are not those of a newspaper man. I saw this front page news which could not be printed from a different angle.

Then I was ranked as an "A.B."—acting petty officer for pay and allowances—in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, serving with a mobile squadron of the Royal Naval Anti-aircraft Corps.

From the outbreak of the war until Spring of 1916 the main defence against aircraft at home was the task of the Admiralty. The Army was too busy then to think of air attack, and, besides, none of the experts thought that Zeppelins or aeroplanes would ever be really effective weapons of offence on this side of the North Sea.

So the Admiralty took the job over, and its Anti-aircraft Corps R.N.V.R. was formed. The only men enrolled were those whom for some reason of physical fitness, or because they were over age, were turned down from enlistment in the Army. Later, when the fitness standard regarding eyesight and so on was lowered, most of us secured commissions in the Royal Artillery.

In the mobile sections of the corps we had at first—as a means of defence against hostile aircraft—old Boer War .45 Maxim guns, mounted on Rolls-Royce cars, and acetylene searchlights on Lancia cars.

Just imagine that for "efficiency" in armament. Before I forget, we had also on each gun car Martini-Henri rifles—somewhere about Zulu war vintage—which fired incendiary bullets, and had an extreme range of about six hundred yards.

Our ordinary rifles were of Japanese manufacture, and there was an issue of *cutlasses*.

Mobile squadrons with these useless guns and inefficient searchlights were stationed at various towns in the Eastern counties—King's Lynn, Lowestoft, Ipswich, and near Chelmsford, with brigade headquarters in Primrose House, Newmarket.

Our theory of defence was that at an alarm of air attack the squadrons should take position along the lines of likely approach. Certainly the most effective feature of a squadron was its mobility. It did travel fast and furiously.

Why, I recall one Zeppelin raid on the Thames estuary when my squadron at Lowestoft was turned out with orders to proceed to Southend-on-Sea, more than a hundred miles distant.

It was just crazy, of course, for the Zeppelin was back in its Belgium base hours before we reached Southend. Anyhow, we showed the countryside on that journey that we were mobile and active.

In a Zeppelin raid on Lowestoft in the Spring of 1915, the squadron was moved from that town to Yarmouth to take station by the seaplane sheds.

The Zeppelin sat low over Lowestoft and dropped bombs—so low, in fact, that even with our Maxim we might have done some small damage in retaliation to her.

When the airship passed out to sea over Yarmouth, we were not permitted to throw out a searchlight or to open fire, in case the Germans located their position. We just stood still and wondered what it all meant.

On occasions, however, we did get a reward by going into action against the Zeppelins. What is more, we did—according to the evidence of debris picked up—obtain some hits even with the Maxims.

There was, for example, a dead German airman picked up in a Suffolk field. In the raid of the night before this man was lowered from the Zeppelin in an observation car; his duty to gain a near view of the ground and give signals to the ship above. Under machine gun attack the car was hit and carried away.

Again, after a raid over Norfolk, a large piece of bullet-marked metal which looked like part of an engine cowling was found. Such things made the *successes* of that early anti-aircraft defence.

One thing in our rather pathetically comic organisation was good. That was the advance intelligence transmitted from the Admiralty of prospective raids.

Long before the "Zepps" left the other side we received a telephone warning and orders. Always we knew well ahead when a raid was likely to take place.

In the early summer of 1915 I was a member of a small section despatched from Lowestoft under the command of a R.N.V.R. lieutenant to open two night-landing grounds for aeroplanes—one at Bacton and the other at Holt, Norfolk. These two were, I believe, the first two active service night landing grounds in England.

At Bacton we had a canvas hangar, which had to be lowered when the wind blew strongly; bathing huts for the personnel; a Maxim on a Rolls-Royce, and a pukka electric searchlight on a lorry. The same equipment was allotted to Holt.

Raids had proved that the Zeppelins crossing to England normally made their landfall either at Happisburgh, Norfolk, or Sizewell, Suffolk.

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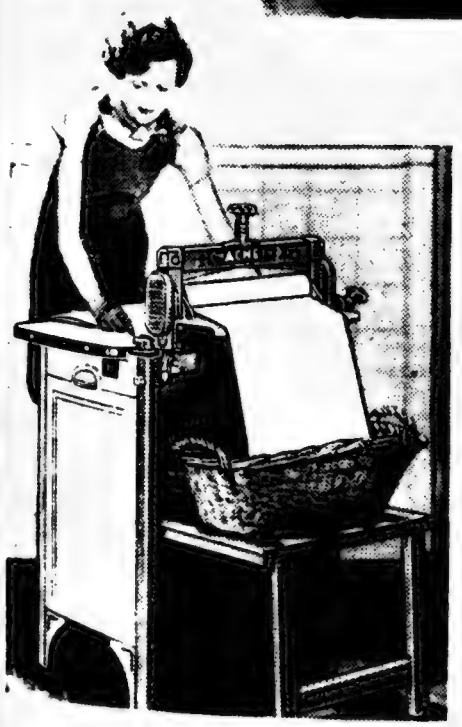

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# Five Zeppelins We Couldn't Stop

*Any vessel approaching was suspect immediately it came in view. Here are soldiers, with fishermen, scanning the skyline*

tive. We used buckets half filled with sand and doused with petrol. When the flares were in use a man had to stand by each bucket to renew the petrol as the flame died down.

At Bacton, on a night in September of that year, I saw a remarkable sight—five great Zeppelins coming in over the coast in line ahead, just as dusk was falling, and crossing our field not more than two thousand feet up.

News of their approach came from the Haisborough Lightship—a telephone call through the coastguard station: "'Zepps' are right overhead, now coming towards you."

How we blazed away at those five ships with our Boer War Maxims! We used nearly the whole stock of ammunition.

One "Zepp" hovered, and turned as though to look at us, apparently deciding we were not worth while, for no bombs were dropped at us.

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Given a respectable, efficient anti-aircraft gun, a target such as those "Zepps" presented could not have been missed. They passed away to the south to make the most serious and damaging raid on London of any up to that date. I know that modern Territorial Army gunners with a three-inch gun would have brought down each one of those five airships.

We never had one of our own aeroplanes go into action from the Bacton ground; although we had plenty of night flying.

There was one ghastly tragedy.

A young Royal Naval Air Service lieutenant from Yarmouth, patrolling on a raid night, signalled he was making a descent. At that stage of the war aeroplane attack on airship was intended to be by bombs. The aeroplane was intended to climb above the airship and then loose its bomb cargo. The pilot had no machine-gun.

This particular flying officer misjudged his landing—no doubt due to the poorness of the improvised petrol flares. He crashed. All his eight bombs in their rack below the machine exploded together with staggering sound and a bewilderment of light.

While at Holt we came under the influence of the invasion scare, for the town is only three miles from Weybourne Hope.

Orders were issued to us about the post we had to take with our machine-gun and searchlight in conjunction with the military.

Holt is the home of a notable public school—Gresham's School, and the precautions taken there to safeguard the boys in the event of an invasion well illustrates how widespread were the military arrangements.

"A competent military authority" called at the school and told Mr. J. R. Eccles, the headmaster, that he must be prepared to evacuate all his boys at a moment's notice.

So the school established its invasion-drill. The boys at each house were formed into small squads of half a dozen under the control of a senior pupil. Each squad was made up according to the home location of its members. There were London squads; Midland squads; local squads, and so on.

Each boy had to have a bicycle, and the machines were regularly inspected to see they were in good repair. Periodically at night a test alarm was given. The boys were aroused in their dormitories and told "the Germans are coming."

Having dressed in their warmest clothes, they assembled in the dining halls to be served with a hot, substantial meal. After that they took the road on their cycles.

Every squad leader was handed a sum of money in sovereigns or Bank of England notes and told that was to provide for his charges until they reached their homes.

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Somewhere on the road the boys were stopped by an official of the school waving a lantern. They were instructed to return and go back to bed. The scare was over for the night. This happened at least once each term, the boys regarding it as the adventure of their young lives.

At a distance of time such precautions sound fantastic, but in the war years they were considered to be essential.

It was generally supposed there were all manner of enemy agents "working" the East Coast in readiness for the invasion. In the mobile squadrons of the Anti-aircraft Corps we were constantly moving up and down the country, and only came into contact with a single suspected instance of this.

It was on the night of April, 1916, when the German battle cruiser squadron bombarded Lowestoft and Yarmouth.

Warning orders came that the "Zepps" were raiding that night. We turned out from Lowestoft and took position on the road behind Yarmouth leading to Acle, for the airships were expected to make to Yarmouth.

Once at our station, we used to have a field telephone on to the roadside telephone lines, and, by giving a code word obtain direct and uninterrupted connection with brigade headquarters at Newmarket.

One minute we were in contact with Newmarket; the next the line went dead. We tried all the other telephone lines on the post. They were all silent. The whole of the telephone lines along the road were deliberately interrupted by someone.

We learned later that the same thing happened elsewhere in the neighbourhood of the towns.

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Ten minutes later, when we were off from orders, the bombardment of Yarmouth and Lowestoft began.

We thought it was the preliminary to the actual invasion. We packed up and raced back to the coast to report to the Senior Naval Officer at Lowestoft.

There we found the artillerymen's quarters existed no longer. The place was a blazing ruin, hit by twelve-inch shells.

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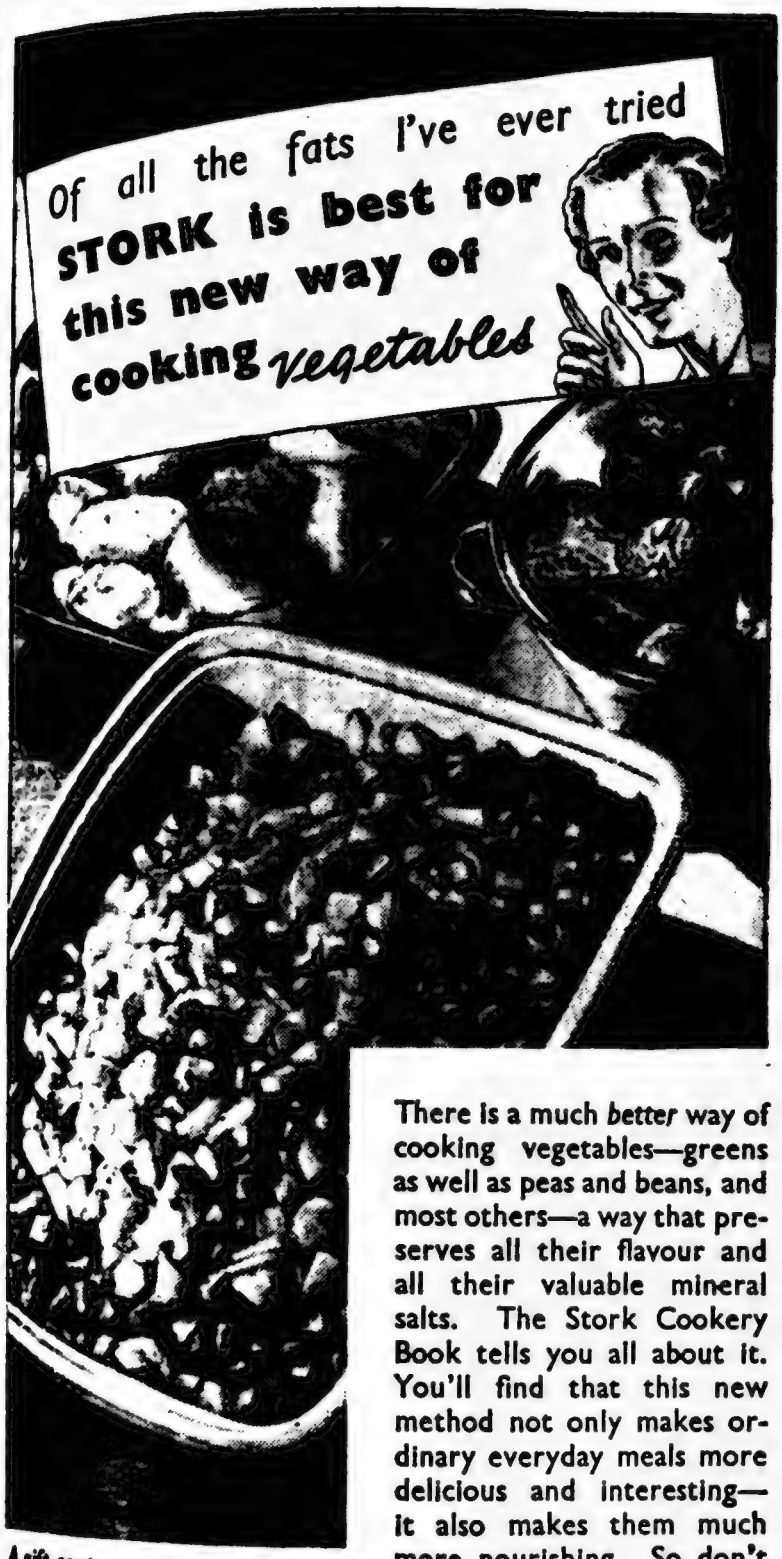


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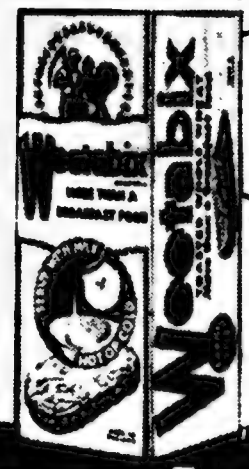


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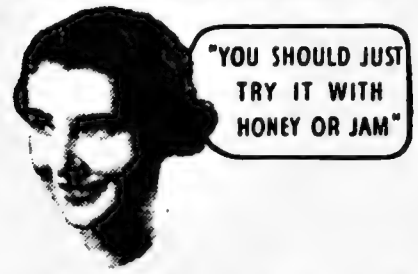

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*Lady Ludlow*

# YOUR *Millionaire*—NEIGHBOURS

*Mr. W. L. Stephenson*

*Lady Yule*

*Mr. F. Parkinson*

UP in their dusty offices in historic Somerset House, by the Thames Embankment, His Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue are busily working out their latest reports: sifting masses of figures, mountains of statistics, into the grim-looking volume which every year reveals the secrets of Britain's wealth.

Five hundred of the 44,000,000 inhabitants of England and Wales are having the Commissioners' special attention this year; 500 fortunate men and women who can sign a cheque of seven figures with no fear of it bouncing back again.

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For the men of millions 1929 was a vintage year, and we could boast no fewer than 819 of them. Then came the slump—and with it noughts were tumbling from the credit balances of their bank pass-books as fast as autumn leaves.

But by 1934-35 the slump had vanished—at least, some measure of prosperity was here again. And this year, the experts will show, our richest fellow-citizens have passed the 500 mark again.

The great landed families reveal their wealth in their names: Derby and Westminster, Bute and Northumberland, Buccleuch and Howard de Walden . . . these are synonymous with millions.

The aristocracy of industry—the Courtaulds of Rayon fame, Lord Nuffield, Britain's No. 2 millionaire, and Lord Austin, the Cadburys and the Coatses—are not difficult to name.

But when these are eliminated it is still no easy task to name the 500 who are now having the Inland Revenue Commissioners' particular attention. For many of those names whose interests which clerks and typists are busily checking and cross-checking belong to Britain's mystery millionaires.

How many of the 48,000 constituents of Sir John Leigh, Tory M.P. for Clapham, know, for instance, that their Member is a millionaire several times over? Sir John is a modest man. He is reported as having never made a speech in the House of Commons, though he has been sitting for Clapham for the last fourteen years. In the last Parliament he voted in sixty-nine divisions out of a possible 1,399.

Perhaps this fifty-two-year-old burly Lancashire man has been too busy giving away money. At one time and another he has parted with almost £1,000,000 of the fortune left him by his father in 1912. Yet Sir John Leigh seldom hits the headlines.

Philip Hill inherited nothing from his humble father but energy and drive and the capacity for making money. He is a born money-maker—the man behind a deal which startled the financial world a few years ago when the House of Rothschild made a public issue of £8,000,000 worth of shares in the British Woolworth company.

Since then Mr. Philip Hill has made many more important issues under his own name as Britain's No. 1 floater of public companies. He has become one of the City's leading financiers, and certainly a millionaire into the bargain; but few people outside the City even know his name.

Another man made a lot of money out of that £8,000,000 issue: Mr. W. L. Stephenson, chairman of the Woolworth firm, guiding genius of the remarkable organisation that has built up a vast business—on "nothing over sixpence." We may safely put Mr. Stephenson among the select 500, despite the fact that he never talks of the strength of his fortune.

In that reticence, however, he is like Mr. Frank Parkinson, another business pioneer and head of a famous electrical engineering firm which bears his name and is now one of the largest in the world. Mr. Parkinson is so modest that among the few people who realise his immense wealth he is known as "Britain's shyest millionaire."

Shy Mr. Parkinson began his career as an engineering apprentice, went to evening classes, won a scholarship. Eventually he started up on his own—risking all his savings, which then amounted to £21, working as his own designer, draughtsman, and most other things besides.

Self-made, too, is Joseph Rank, whom the experts reckon among the richest men in Britain.

Born eighty-two years ago in a two-roomed cottage, the man destined to be the biggest power in Britain's milling industry once worked eighteen hours a day, mostly sweeping floors. He has practised Wesley's "Get all you can, Give all you can, Save all you can," throughout his life. He is still Joe Rank to everybody . . . and, since he never flaunts his wealth, few realise the immense power he can wield when he chooses.

How much do they spend, what do they do? Well, Sir Malcolm Stewart, who made his millions from bricks and cement, spent many months as Special Areas Commissioner—and resigned, a disappointed man.

Mr. Albertini, millionaire husband of Mrs. Nora Albertini, whose £1,000 party was the subject of a recent Court action, is reported to spend less in a year on himself than did his wife on that single celebration.

Mr. P. C. Loftus, reputedly a millionaire, certainly immensely rich, has different activities. He is Conservative M.P. for Lowestoft, which seat he gained in a by-election two years ago.

Not so long ago Mr. Loftus urged the British Government to present the Germans with £250,000 in order that they could buy herrings at Lowestoft. More recently he himself was said to have sent the Germans a present of £25, as a thank-offering for his enjoyment at Nuremberg during the Nazi Congress. The Member for Lowestoft is also a brewer; and he has not always been a Loftus. He was born a Murphy, at Mount Loftus, in Southern Ireland, fifty-eight years ago. He changed his name by deed poll.

Another of the top-list 500 interested in Germany is Mr. F. C. Tiarks, who has just been selling his 170-acre estate at Chislehurst—at around £1,000 an acre. For Mr. Tiarks, besides being a director of the Bank of England, is head of the banking house of Schroder, which has long had close connections with Germa[n] financing, and, indeed, still acts as Ger[many's] agent in the City.

Now Mr. Tiarks is being [driven] from his lovely home by the [noise] of London. Two more of Br[itain's] wealthiest—but little-known—[men] that another trouble. They are Sir R[obert] Williams—and Sir Robert W[illiam]son—their difficulty is confusion of [names].

One is Colonel Sir Robert W[illiam]son, eighty-nine-year-old former M.P. [and] banker and owner of 3,000 acres [of land] prominently concerned in the £2,500,[000] Anglo-Dutch Pa[per] tions of Java.

His [namesake] year-old [son] Sir Robert W[illiam]son without the [Colonel] is a Scottish m[illion]aire who [for] years was associated with Cecil Rhodes, Empire builder. This Sir Robert is [now] managing director of the £9,600,000 Tanganyika Concessions, Ltd. and, [unlike] Colonel Sir Robert, a noted philanthropist. Yet an actress just breaking out from the chorus is better known than either of them.

There are [many] women, too, among our first 500. There is Lady Yule, for example, who was left a [for]tune of £9,000,000 by her husband, an Anglo-Indian merchant prince. Yet you will not find Lady Yule in "Who's Who"; she lives simply, her great interests are dogs and horses, and at the Duke of Windsor holidayed [last] summer in her yacht, *Nahlin*, few even knew her name.

The title of "richest woman in England" has been used of Lady Ludlow, whose first husband, the late Sir J[ulius] Wernher, left her a vast fortune made in the diamond mines of South Africa by this man who was once a bank [clerk].

Yet Lady Ludlow is comparatively little known. "Who's Who" gives her half-a-dozen lines. And not even [a clue] to Mrs. Reginald Macdonald-Buchanan, believed to be Britain's richest [single] woman, who inherited a considerable portion of Lord Woolavington's £7,000,000 fortune.

These, then, are some of our [richest] citizens; and the list could be extended with names which most of us have read from one year's end to another. They live in luxurious Mayfair [flats] and in modest houses hidden [away] in country; the vast authority [which] is seldom demonstrated publicly, for most part their benefactions [are] little, are well-kept secrets.

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*Conrad Phillips is visiting registered readers in their homes and retelling their big thrill. £5 5s. is paid for each story published. This week's story is from Registered Reader No. 302,191, Miss A. Saunders, 52, Brixton Road, S.W.9.*

*"In a flash the officers with us whipped out their automatics and fired"*

# MAD Drive

"SOON after the Irish Free State took over from the English," Miss Saunders said, "I was in Dublin on a holiday. Although my home was in Dublin, I had not been there for many years. I went to England as a girl and obtained a job as a dancer on the stage.

"I had only been in Dublin a few days when I met a young officer in the Irish Free State Army. We had been out once or twice together, but nothing serious in the way of love existed between us.

"At this time there was quite a lot of trouble between the Government and the I.R.A. Every day the newspapers were full of stories of murders and other outrages. For the most part, the rebels had the sympathy of the general public, and if any girls were seen in the company of men in the Free State uniform and there was any trouble, they were invariably in for a rough time.

"Having been away from Ireland for so long, this ill-feeling wasn't so apparent to me at first. Consequently, when I went out with my friend, I was ignorant of the true situation.

"One Saturday morning, my friend rang me up and asked me if I could find a girl to make up a party. He had the use of a big car over the week-end and proposed going with a brother officer to a seaside resort called Trammore.

"As it happened, a girl with whom I had played in a show was also in Dublin on holiday. She was a year or two older than myself and a jolly good sport. When I asked her if she would come along she heartily agreed.

"We met the officers outside of Wellington Barracks. It was a glorious day, and as we drove to our destination I was charmed by the beauty of the countryside. Indeed, I felt happier than at any time in my life.

"Arriving in Trammore in the early afternoon, we parked the car in a garage and then set off for a walk along the front to work up a good appetite before we had a meal.

"We had no sooner reached the front than we were attracted by a crowd that had congregated on the other side of the road. There was much excited talk. In the middle of the crowd I saw the cap of a Civic Guard.

"As we approached the scene we were all startled by a loud report. This was followed by screams. The crowd scattered, leaving the Guard and two other men alone. The other men had revolvers in their hands.

"I was scared to death almost. When I saw blood streaming down the Guard's face, and that his right ear had been blown off, I felt myself sag at the knees.

"In a flash, the officers with us whipped out their automatics and fired just in time to prevent the would-be assassins from murdering the already wounded Guard.

"As the officers rushed with their automatics to the policeman's aid, my friend and I ran into the crowd, trembling with fear. The people there were positively hostile. They cursed us and soon it was evident that they were going to mob us.

"This was started by a coarse-looking woman shouting that we were spies and had been responsible for more rebels' deaths than anybody since the Black and Tans.

"Meanwhile, the officers had chased the two men away. They were now rendering what first-aid they could to the wounded man.

"Feeling that we would meet with physical violence if we stayed where we were, my friend and I backed out of the crowd. As we went we faced the threatening mob with a calmness that, on reflection, amazes me.

"Personally, I did not realise at the time what really great danger I was in. Had I known, it is possible that I should have broken into a panic.

"We joined the officers just as the ambulance was arriving. A batch of Civic Guards was already on the scene and men were moving over to clear the crowd away.

"At first I thought they would not let us join our escorts, but when we told them the circumstances they let us through.

"After giving the police particulars, the officers led us away amidst hisses and boos from the crowd.

"There was no doubt of the great danger we were in. This was evident to all of us. It seemed a pity that our day had been spoilt by something over which we had no control.

"But it was futile to bemoan our lot. The main thing to do was for us to get out of the town as soon as possible.

"We were all agreed on this course. As we walked to the garage, I happened to look round and saw two men following us. They were nasty looking individuals who looked as though they meant business. 'Don't look round,' I said to my companions, 'we are being followed.'

"My girl friend turned pale, and I noticed that the officers' hands went in the pockets in which they had put their automatics.

"'It's all right,' my friend said. 'There's nothing to be afraid of. All you have to do is to keep cool.'

"We got the car out, and set off at a high speed towards Dublin.

"For several miles we saw nothing unusual, but just as we were congratulating ourselves that we were safe, my girl friend noticed a car turn into the main road. It was a powerful machine and was only about a quarter of a mile behind us.

"'Just in case there is any trouble,' my friend said, 'you'd better take the wheel!' Slowing down, we changed seats. Then he climbed into the back seat. As he did so something smashed the windscreen.

"My girl friend screamed. The men shouted to her to get on the floor. 'Keep your head, old girl,' my boy friend said. I clenched my teeth, and gripped the wheel tightly as I stepped on the accelerator.

"The car roared; the hand of the speedometer crept up towards the 80 m.p.h. mark. Shots whizzed past me. The officers in the back were returning the fire.

"After a few minutes, I felt myself becoming faint. I struggled with my feelings. What would happen if I collapsed? 'Oh, God help me,' I murmured. 'Step on it,' the other officer shouted. 'We have run out of ammunition!' I felt the wheel quivering in my hands.

"The road before me was becoming blurred. I blinked my eyes in a frantic effort to keep my senses. 'Keep it up. Keep it up—we're gaining on them,' somebody shouted. I was too ill to distinguish the voice.

"I saw the hedges on either side of the road swaying in front of me. I did not know what I was doing. I simply gripped the wheel and pressed the accelerator. How long I was in this state I don't know. Time had ceased to matter.

"When the climax of this mad drive came, I was swaying like a person in the worst for drink. It came suddenly. All I remember of it was a crash and of being thrown over on my back. Then everything went black.

"When I woke up, I found myself lying on a settee in a room. People were standing round me. I felt a pain across my face.

"My first thoughts were for my friends. Were they all right? I asked. Just then I saw the two officers come in. 'Thanks to you,' my friend said, 'we are all alive.'

"As I sat up, I felt weak. It seems that I turned a corner. I had crashed into a bank. The officers had been thrown clear of the car. At the time of the accident, a number of Civic Guards were just ahead.

"Apparently somebody who had witnessed the gun battle in the car while I was driving, had informed the police. But at this time I learned, in no danger, because I had outdistanced the other car of rebels.

"My girl friend had fainted and suffered from a few minor scratches, but was otherwise all right."

"I suppose," I asked as Miss S paused "that that scar on your face is the result of your injuries."

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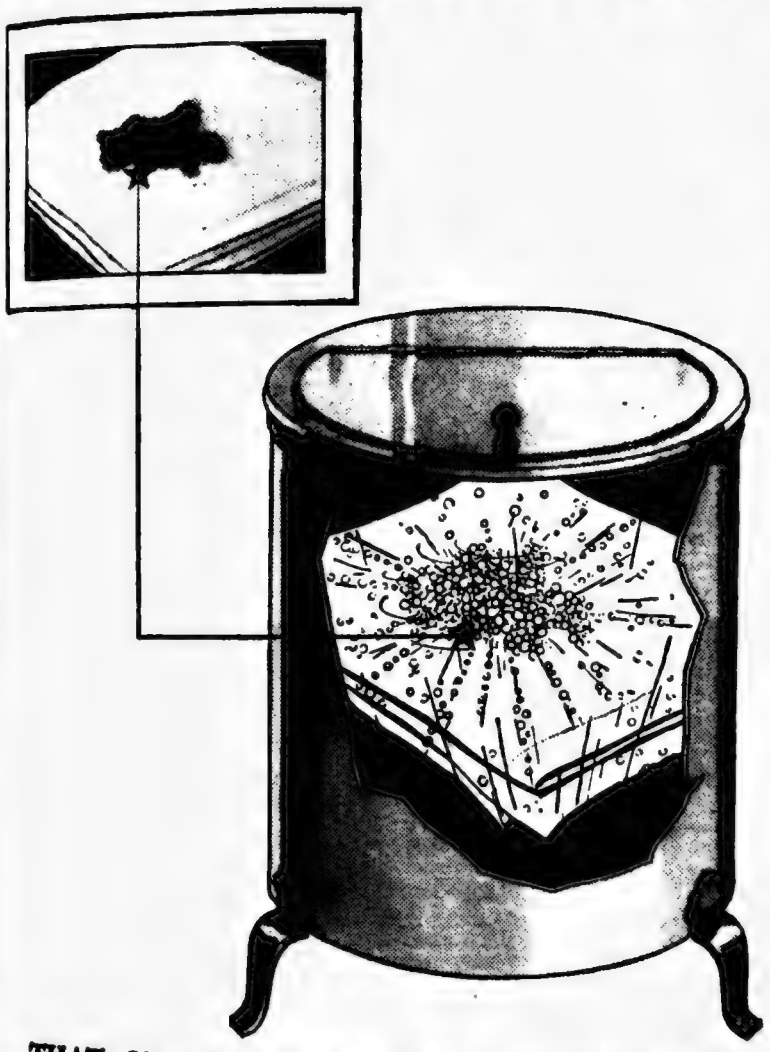

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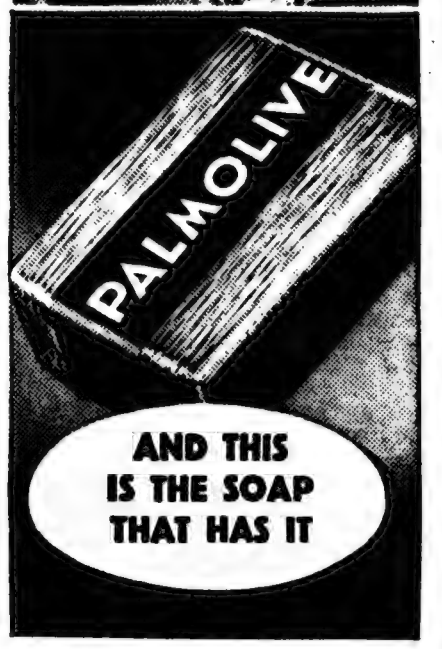


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The money will come from the Post Office surplus for the year. The sure promise of it this week is officially regarded as a happy coincidence. It is exactly a hundred years ago—February 22, 1837—since Rowland Hill issued his historic pamphlet which brought about the creation of the modern postal services.

Until Hill called for the revolution which has resulted in that tremendous profit of £12,500,000 yearly, most people in Britain had never received or posted a letter. Postage was not only prohibitively high and measured on an idiotic system, but was collected on delivery.

When poor people received a letter from an absent loved one they usually had to pawn their belongings or exchange some domestic treasure to buy the missive addressed to them. There was a stranglehold on the material and cultural progress of the people.

A century afterwards the £12,500,000 annual profit of the Post Office is increasing at the rate of £500,000 a year. It is derived from dealing in quantities so immense that their size makes them almost meaningless—for instance, 7,350 million letters yearly, 162 million parcels, 16 million money orders, 311 million postal orders, 53 million telegrams, 1,800 million telephone calls.

There are other and less worthy reasons, however, for this huge profit.

Before his death, Rowland Hill said that, if conditions were favourable, he would publish another pamphlet on his arrival in the next world. The first questions he would ask St. Peter at the gates would be as to the number of daily deliveries there and the methods of defraying the cost of communication between Heaven and Hell. That pamphlet hasn't been issued yet.

If Hill could produce another pamphlet on the British postal service to-day there is no doubt what his line of attack would be. Restoration of penny postage, Sunday and late deliveries, cheaper postal orders and so on would be secondary to his main criticism.

It would be directed at the fact that the Post Office—with 250,000 workers and the largest employer of labour in the country—is still far from being a model employer and, as its vast annual profits grow, the Postmaster-General becomes more hard-hearted in his consideration of the claims of every grade of the service for better conditions.

## *REJECTED*

IN every country, largely owing to the effect of machinery in displacing workers from employment, there is growing up a powerful demand for a 5-day, 40-hour week. It has been conceded in the United States to two-thirds of the members of the American Federation of Labour, and among them are the entire staffs of the post office and the telephone companies. The short week has also been introduced in the French post office and is now worked in most of the British Dominions.

But Major Tryon, the British Postmaster-General, refuses to grant it. He rejects the idea that the Post Office, for all its wealth, should ever take the lead in improving the general standards of wages and hours.

The immense expansion and improvement of the postal, telegraph and telephone services and the increase in the revenue in ten years from £58,000,000 to £80,000,000 have been made possible only by a steady increase in the output of the 250,000 workers.

The output per head of the staff has risen lately by 25 per cent., but none has benefited by this all-round increase of productivity.

Speaking not long ago on the difficulty of securing early international agreement on the reduction of hours, the Minister of Labour said that the sensible thing was first to find out what could be done in this country, industry by industry.

*Throughout his working life the average weekly pay of the ordinary postman in the provinces is about 53s.*

It would surely be difficult to find an industry more suitable than the Post Office to begin with—highly efficient and profitable, expanding steadily and completely unaffected by world or internal competition.

For no other reason obviously than that the adoption of a 5-day, 40-hour week in the Post Office would give an impetus to the movement in general industry, Major Tryon ignores the counsel of his Cabinet colleague and refuses to move.

Permanent Post Office workers have, of course, the advantages of security of employment and a pension equivalent, after forty years' service at the age of sixty, to two-thirds of their pay. These things are, however, part of the contract of all State service and they far from counterbalance the poor pay of all workers in a Department so rich and ever multiplying in prosperity.

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IF every postal worker was granted an average wages increase of 10s. weekly—which would absorb less than one half of the yearly profits—they would still be lowly paid when account is taken of the high standards governing admission to the service, the nature and responsibility of their duties, their technical efficiency and the split and irregular times of work.

While production in the Post Office is on the giant stride, the workers have still to hobble along to maximum wages by a fantastic incremental process spread over a period of from [illegible] to sixteen years.

Much is written about the [illegible] of women who leave Post Office employment after brief service for marriage. The reason is largely that [illegible] realise they must wait until [illegible] spinsters in middle age before [illegible] get even the modest maximum [illegible] possible.

Men workers, even [illegible] best-paid sections of the Post Office, who marry and start families before the age of thirty-one or thirty-[illegible] condemn themselves to [illegible] poverty. Even after [illegible] their rewards are slight in relation to labour conditions in comparable industries and private commercial organisations.

On the admission of the Postmaster-General, this is a true analysis of the wages paid to all the full-time adult manipulative staffs — postmen, [illegible] phonists, telegraphists, sorters and counter clerks:

| Men per Week. | |
|---|---|
| Less than 40s. | 1,300 |
| 40s. to 50s. | 12,600 |
| 50s. to 60s. | 21,200 |
| 60s. to 70s. | 35,100 |
| 70s. to 80s. | 4,600 |
| Over 80s. | 15,800 |

| Women per Week. | |
|---|---|
| Less than 40s. | 1,500 |
| 40s. to 50s. | 7,000 |
| 50s. to 60s. | 14,000 |
| 60s. to 70s. | 4,600 |

To most people, the Post Office means the 77,000 postmen who bring their letters to the door. A postman in Inner London earns £3 9s. a week after fourteen years and is the aristocrat of his class. Throughout his working life the average weekly pay of the ordinary postman in the provinces is about 53s.

## *MEAGRE*

FAR worse is the position of the 25,000 auxiliary postmen. Sir [illegible] Macdiarmid, of Glasgow, spoke with astonishment and anger a few days ago when he learned that one of these men who was charged with theft was paid no more than 27s. 8d. a week. Certainly the Sheriff was not aware that large numbers of them get less than 20s. a week. Of 25,000 sub-postmasters and auxiliary postmen, two-fifths earn less than 20s. and most of the others from 20s. to 30s.

It must not be thought that pay in the higher branches of the Post Office is proportionately better. The Director-General of this huge organisation, which last year had transactions with the public to the value of more than £900,000,000, gets no more than £3,000 a year. The Director of Postal Services and the Director of Telegraph Telephone and Wireless Communications are each paid £1,500—meagre remuneration for the vast responsibilities entrusted to them.

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It will pay you to read the advertisements in JOHN BULL every week, for by doing so you will be introduced to many valuable and new products—products which will help you to save money and improve your standard of living.

Only reliable firms are allowed to advertise in JOHN BULL, and readers therefore need never hesitate to respond to them, for they are all of proved value. Particular care is taken to ensure that no reader suffers any loss or disappointment through any of the goods purchased from advertisements in JOHN BULL that is why the JOHN BULL Guarantee appears in every issue. Your safeguard! See page 31.

## NEWS IN THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

Here are some special offers which readers of "John Bull" should not overlook :—

You can obtain a generous sample of "Weetabix," the new cereal. (PAGE TWENTY-NINE.)

Samples of "Pluvex" Roof Felt and a copy of a free book. (PAGE THIRTY-SIX.)

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A booklet giving details of a famous Wringer-Mangle which is also a beautiful piece of kitchen furniture. (PAGE TWENTY-SEVEN.)

For 3/- down and 3/- monthly you can secure a spring Coat and Skirt. (PAGE THIRTY-NINE.)

A great "Book of Health" written by one of London's most eminent physicians. (PAGE THIRTY-NINE.)

A free Cookery book, which will teach you many new ways of making interesting and nourishing dishes. (PAGE TWENTY-NINE.)

You can obtain on approval for 1/6 deposit an art. silk marocain frock (PAGE FORTY-THREE.)

# Who's afraid?

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MRS. R. G. T., DONCASTER, *whose letter may be seen at Nestlé's London Office.*

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In this issue, readers' attention is drawn to the Drage announcement on the front cover, in which a copy of an excellent guide to home happiness, containing selections of Furniture on easy terms from as low as 4/6 a month, may be had upon request.

On page 16 Jay's also offer a fine catalogue which readers can obtain by filling in the coupon in their announcement.

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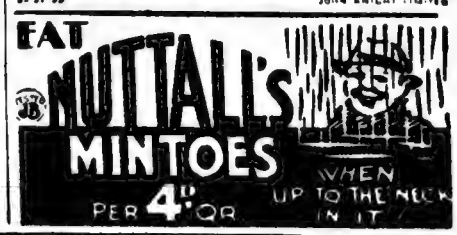

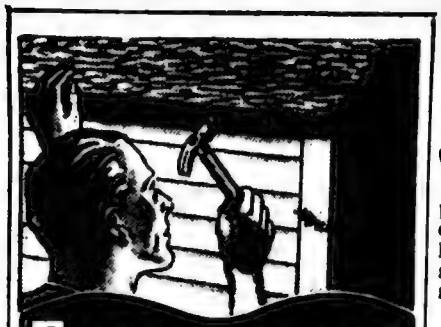

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# RESTLESSNESS IN CHILDREN

A common cause of restlessness in children is constipation. When a child's bowels are full of poisonous fermenting waste-matter natural rest is impossible.

The safest way to give your child a thorough internal cleansing is 'California Syrup of Figs,' which is a pure fruit laxative. It sets up a natural movement that carries away all the clogging, hard waste-matter and leaves the little inside sweetened and clean. Once a child has got rid of all that disagreeable sour matter that has been upsetting him he sleeps soundly and wakes up the picture of brightness.

Ask yourself if your child is hampered by poison spreading from unhealthy, clogged bowels? A spoonful of 'California Syrup of Figs' will make him sweet tempered and happy in a very few hours.

Remember—a child should never miss a day, and to ensure this regularity many mothers find there is nothing better than a regular weekly dose of 'California Syrup of Figs,' which is recommended by doctors and nurses. Get a bottle of this safe laxative to-day, but be sure to ask for 'California Syrup of Figs' brand. Of all chemists 1/3 and 2/6 with full directions. The larger size is the cheaper in the long run.


## *Human Documents By Philip Inman*

# GHOSTS From The PAST

**SOME people have a dread of the future. Others are haunted by the past. In both cases it seriously interferes with the peace and happiness of the present. That is clearly seen in the case of three of my readers. Something has happened which has "taken the sun out of the heavens and silenced the music of the earth."**

Last year (says my first correspondent) I met a man and, discovering that we had much in common, we soon became great friends. He did not hide from me that he was married and had one son, and he told me that his wife was in a sanatorium.

He was as straight as a die, and we both knew that we could only be friends, but as time went on I saw he was falling in love with me, and I knew that I was becoming fond of him. I felt that we must exercise control, and I said that for both our sakes we ought not to see each other so often.

He was very reasonable, but he looked me straight in the face and said, "This is the beginning of the end for me." Shortly afterwards he started to complain of bad headaches, and I am afraid I was not too sympathetic for, though I am now ashamed to admit it, I thought it was a ruse to get back to the old footing.

He gradually became worse, and at last he was taken to hospital, where he died in three days. What really haunts me is that his headaches started after our talk together. Had I known how bad his condition was I would never have suggested it—but that is useless now. Do you think I am to blame for his death?

◆◆ Now, frankly, it is quite impossible for me to answer that last question. To do so I should require a good deal more information. It would be necessary to know the nature of the disease from which this man died. But I should say it is very unlikely that my correspondent's talk with him contributed to his death.

He must have had some serious malady to cause fatal results. Upon one thing I am absolutely clear—this girl has no reason to reproach herself in any way. After all, this man was married and had a son. He was therefore not free to offer his love elsewhere.

It was only when the friendship seemed to be developing too far that my correspondent called a halt. She was absolutely right in doing so. But notwithstanding this fact, I can understand that the tragic end of this association must have left its mark upon the girl.

The only panacea is to seek forgetfulness in work. Let her fill her mind until there is no time for brooding over the past. The best remedy for heartache is to ease the burdens of others.

I commend this advice also to my next correspondent. In this case there is someone to whom she can devote her care. But, first of all, let us look at her letter. This girl says:—

We used to be a very happy family—my mother did not [illegible] that time they have [illegible] to each other.

About two years [illegible] quarrel my mother [illegible] and she is now [illegible] only able [illegible] in a wheel [illegible] she was [illegible] my aunt [illegible] went to [illegible]

My m[illegible] tinually [illegible] her, and [illegible] think of [illegible] get my [illegible] as she did [illegible] am certa[illegible] bring happ[illegible] as put [illegible] life of [illegible] mother.

As non[illegible] speaking [illegible] this aun[illegible] so grate[illegible] could help [illegible] this deli[illegible]

*The girl who refuses to maintain any relationship with a married man has no need to reproach herself because of unpleasant consequences*

◆◆ I [illegible] are [illegible] was [illegible] which [illegible] tions [illegible] established. One [illegible] write to [illegible] and explain [illegible] position to her. For old times' sake she should be urged to "bury the hatchet" and call to see that crippled woman. The second is to ask a friend of both sides to try and bring about a reconciliation.

The third and, in my opinion, far and away the best, is for this girl to go and see her aunt personally. She can tell her of her mother's illness and how much she would welcome a resumption of the old relationship. She may find her aunt responsive.

The passing of the years may have brought tolerance and a desire on her part to return to the old friendship.

Amongst the finest words in any language are these: "Blessed are the peacemakers." My correspondent should assume that rôle and [illegible] would be her joy if she succeeded [illegible]

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**Send your private problem to "Humanist," at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, enclosing stamped envelope. Letters sent to Mr. Inman at any other address cannot be dealt with. £1 1s. will be paid for each letter quoted.**

## *Bad Girl*

"THE work of a lady burglar," a Midlands detective told a householder whose home had been entered by force. "We'll have our hands on her before long."

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# QUEER Ocean Treasure HUNT

PEOPLE in all parts of the country have just been favoured with bulky packages of printed matter with a romantic, deep-sea savour and a suggestion of wealth to be harvested by adventure.

"How I found the *Lusitania*—My exciting search for the sunken liner three hundred feet below a stormy sea," runs one leaflet. "Davy Jones's Locker—A Strong Room Awaiting the Means to Open It," says another. And there is talk of exploiting the wealth of tropic seas, of finding hitherto unattainable beds of pearl oysters, fine sponges and coral. All the leaflets are profusely illustrated with romantic pictures of deep-sea diving, pearl fishing fleets, coral strands and waving tropic palms.

This glamorous budget is generously furnished free, and unsolicited, by the Delta Industrial Guarantee Co., Ltd., of Hope Street, Glasgow. It is accompanied by an explanatory letter as follows :

"It is generally recognised that the imperative need in British commerce today is the establishment of new industries. Not only is it essential for this country to maintain her national supremacy in the basic industries—steel, coal, shipbuilding, etc., but it is equally important for her to develop new businesses and trade."

With this assertion of the obvious no one is likely to quarrel.

## SPECULATIVE

Appetite of possible investors thus whetted, the "Delta" follows up, after a few days' interval, with still more literature in the form of a prospectus of the Argonaut Corporation, Ltd., inviting subscriptions for 640,000 shares at 5s. each.

The Argonauts—according to the directors—have a two-fold objective: "to engage in sound commercial business, and also, as opportunity arises, to embark on attractive speculative deep-sea salvage enterprises."

"Speculative" is certainly correct. The attractiveness, however, is open to question.

Large estimates of possible earnings by the company are given. From sponge fishing £32,000 a year. From mother-of-pearl shell £40,000 in a full season. And from salvage "highly satisfactory profits."

Whether such figures would be acceptable to independent experts is a matter for doubt.

Now, it is extremely interesting to trace the history of the Argonauts and other concerns associated with the promotion and the attempt to float a £160,000 company.

Back in the summer of 1935 the little steamship *Ophir* set sail from the port of Glasgow to locate the wreck of the famous Cunard liner *Lusitania*, which was sunk during the war by a German submarine off the coast of Southern Ireland.

## RADIO SEND-OFF

Encouraging newspaper publicity was given to the departure, and the British Broadcasting Corporation issued a farewell message to the expedition.

According to statements then made, the *Ophir*, for ocean bed exploration, was to make use of the "Tritonia" all-metal diving suit, a patent apparatus with which a man can work under water at exceptional depths.

Well, in due course a sunken wreck was discovered, but owing to bad weather no attempts could be made to salve anything which would prove definitely that the slime-covered hull forty fathoms deep beneath the sea was actually the *Lusitania*.

Captain Henry Russell, commander of the *Ophir*, was firmly convinced that it was, for on his return to Glasgow he wrote an article under the headings: "How I found the *Lusitania*. My exciting search for the sunken liner three hundred feet below a stormy sea."

Said Captain Russell, in describing his disappointment at having to discontinue further operations: "It was heartbreaking; I could have cried. . . . We had waited over a month, for we all wanted to bring the bell of the famous Cunarder up the Clyde past the builders' yard. We know where she is. We shall try again."

Now, after the lapse of more than a year, the Delta Industrial Guarantee Co., Ltd., circulates its romantic literature, which even includes the account of the Turkish fleet in Navarino Bay.

Although the registered office of the Argonaut Corporation is in London, the real working headquarters are at 94, Hope Street, Glasgow.

Here in the same building is the Delta Industrial Guarantee Co., Ltd., and also Tritonia, Ltd., the owners of the all-metal diving suit used on the *Lusitania* expedition.

## A DELUSION

In effect, the trip of the steamship *Ophir* to find the wreck of the Cunarder was a splendid publicity "boost" for the "Tritonia" suit.

There is a personal link between all three companies. A Mr. Louis Blair, director of Tritonia, Ltd., is also a director of the Delta.

There is a Greek by the name of Hercules J. Demedtriades, director of Tritonia, who is also a small original shareholder in the Argonaut Corporation, while Mr. J. M. Stewart, registered owner of the *Ophir*, appears on the Somerset House register as a holder of Argonaut shares.

Before the *Ophir* started on her voyage of discovery statements were published that when the money and jewellery supposed to lie in the *Lusitania* were retrieved through the instrumentality of the "Tritonia" diving suits, it was likely the ship would be sent to Navarino Bay to explore for the treasure of the Turkish fleet.

Now, some years ago Mr. Hercules J. Demedtriades claimed to have a concession from the Greek Government to search for this reputed treasure.

Actually, of course, the efforts to obtain such treasure have never fructified.

Former treasure-hunting in Navarino Bay has proved a delusion and a snare. A notorious enterprise—Navarino Recovery, Ltd.—drew £47,000 from investors. The whole of that money was lost. When the company was dissolved in January, 1931, it owned not a penny piece.

At one time there was an idea by the promoters of the *Lusitania* search to invite public subscription. A prospectus was prepared on which the name of the Earl of Stair appeared among the directors.

But the earl denied he had any connection with the company and was approached by several newspapers for the matter.

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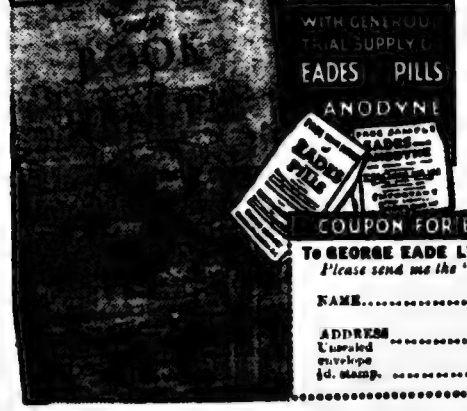


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DARTS, once almost exclusively a tap-room pastime, it is now played in all classes of clubs, hotels, large and small, in regimental messes, police stations, church institutes, and in an ever-increasing number of private houses.

Also, the stage has fallen for it,, and nearly every West End theatre has its darts team, linked up in a league of which Mr. Gordon Harker is the president.

In short, from its tavern obscurity, darts has become a leading indoor game of the country, and darts-board makers are working overtime and thousands of boards are being turned out weekly.

Perhaps the most astonishing evidence of the popularity of the game comes from the National Darts Association, a body which was once concerned with the game only as played in the village inn. This season, for the first time, the N.D.A. leagues have been thrown open to clubs of other descriptions.

The result is that there are now under the control of this body no fewer than 250 leagues.

For every member of this organisation there must be at least half-a-dozen people who play as and where they choose. A modest estimate would give us a total of something like two million players.

One can imagine the enormous amount of work done by the N.D.A. in dealing with an organisation with a network wider than that of the Football Association. And it is all done by honorary workers.

The man responsible for everything is Mr. C. W. Garner, the burly landlord of the Hanbury Arms at Islington, London, where, assisted by a committee, he has virtually been the man who has "put darts on the map." His great faith in the game has been his sole inspiration. It is his ambition to bring the darts players of different towns more closely together, and at present he is organising the game in South Wales, from whence, it is expected, a Welsh "International" team will come to London at the end of the season to play the crack team of England.

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Why this comparative sudden popularity of darts? There is nothing new in the game, which is said to have had its origin in archery, of which, in some ways, it is a miniature form.

It has everything to make it a perfect indoor game, demanding accuracy of the eye, muscle control, poise—and even exercise, for an evening at darts entails more walking than many people might imagine.

Not only in Britain has darts achieved popularity. It is spreading on the Continent. Indeed, not long ago a representation was made to the N.D.A. from Czecho-Slovakia, inviting officials of that body to go at the Czechs' expense and teach the game and its organisation to them on their own ground.

Meanwhile, from South Africa has come an offer to send their crack team over here if a series of matches can be arranged, including a "test match" against the British champions.

So far the greatest audience at a darts match has been 3,000 at the Agricultural Hall. As such attendances will increase, some arrangements will have to be made enabling the game to be seen in detail by many thousands, and already experiments are being made with microphones and lighting apparatus to that end.

Needless to say, the crook fraternity is beginning to size up the game and weigh its possibilities. Fortunately, gambling—except for the odd drink on the game—is not associated with darts on the whole, but, where gambling does take place, the "boys" are already on the spot, as more than one gambling dartist has found to his cost.

The exploitation of good working-class players by wealthy "sportsmen" is one of the forms of gambling which is creeping into the game. It sometimes happens that a wealthy business man, living in the country, visits the village "local" and watches the natives at play, perhaps offering small prizes as stimulation.

He will spot a good player, boast about him in his London circle, and find a man similar to himself who has a local man whom he is willing to back. The practice savours of old-time cock-fighting when neighbouring squires had their secretly trained birds to match against each other.

In our case the "birds" are darts-throwers. Sometimes the backer is a bird also—a pigeon to be plucked, as the following incident shows:

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It occurred in a village not far from London. A wealthy man, not unknown to the sporting world, used to frequent a certain country inn, encouraging a young carpenter who was skilled at darts, but who was by no means a champion.

Several times he backed this rustic player against his friends' protégés with success. But the "boys" got to hear of it, and one night there entered the inn a well-dressed man, who ordered a drink and sat watching the fun on the darts board. The carpenter was in good form, but the stranger was not impressed.

"He should make a good player some day," was his comment.

"He's a good player *now*," was the backer's reply. "There aren't many who can beat him."

"I know one man who could do it," said the stranger; "and that's my chauffeur outside."

"Fetch him in," retorted the other, and in came the uniformed chauffeur, with whom upon substantial stakes were made. The first game was won by the carpenter, and the money changed hands. In the second game went to the chauffeur by a narrow margin.

Then came the "conqueror" with doubled stakes—won easily by the chauffeur and the pair said "Good night," and drove away. That the pair were professional bluffers was proved by the fact that they have repeated the game elsewhere.

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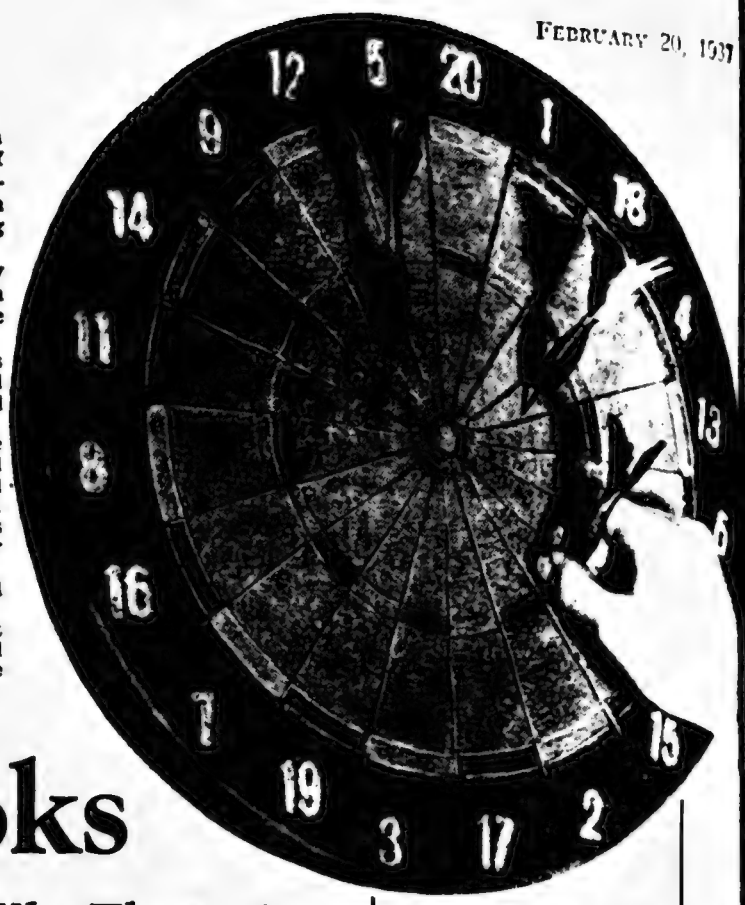
Owing to its simplicity darts in itself is not an easy game to "wangle," but there are certain subtle tricks which can be played. Thus a player may well put off his opponent's aim if his opponent looks at his feet at the moment of pause as though they are over the line.

Almost unconsciously the player varies his stance, and possibly spoils his opponent's. Another trick is that of the man who, requiring a finishing double, gets a dart against the wire and traps quickly and, pulling it out, exclaims "Good shot!" before his trusting rival has a chance to confirm it.

Still, on the whole, the game of darts is fairly free from trickery, which no doubt goes far to explain its enormous popularity.



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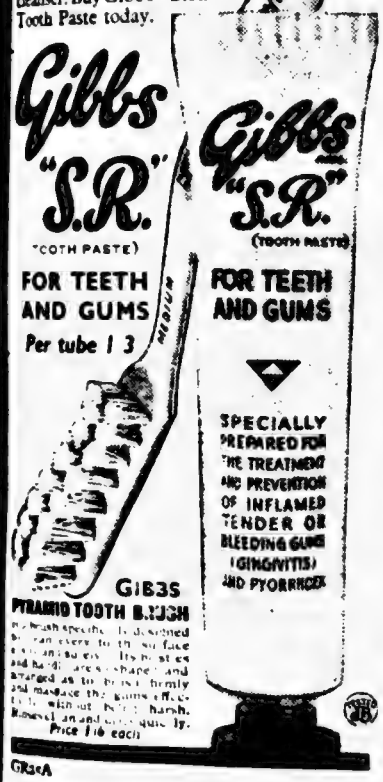
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BECAUSE of high coal prices, millions of homes try to depend on coke.

The price of it has now become prohibitive because huge shipments are being sent to foreign countries.

Also, the coke that is available is not properly dried and we buy water.

Now the ramp has been extended to the price of coal compositions and the poorest people, as usual, suffer worst again. These substitutes are offered at 3s. 3d. per cwt., but are mostly sold in 14-lb. paper bags, the cost of which works out at 5s. 8d. per cwt.—M. GAUNT, Springbank Crescent, Leeds, 6.

*Coal owners and merchants play all the time with loaded dice.*

## Doctor to Doctor

DOCTORS invariably give patients letters to carry by hand when they have to refer them to hospitals or specialists.

Curiosity too often overcomes the bearers. They have a look at the contents and although what is written is meaningless to them they are so scared by the jargon that their condition is made worse. Medical letters should be posted.—MRS. T. W. WHITMORE, Birchfield Road, Abbey Hulton, Stoke-on-Trent

*Three suicides in one month have been attributed to this system.*

## Her Trial

ON our honeymoon twenty-one years ago my husband and I tried to behave at the hotel as if we were old campaigners. He failed miserably by always asking me in the hearing of the waiter, "Do you take sugar?"

Since then we must have had more than 20,000 cups of tea together. But, every time, he still seriously asks if I take sugar.

The question is so habitual that our children now ask it humorously whenever tea is dispensed.—MRS. C. NEISH, Goswell Road, Windsor.

*Why worry? The waiter didn't.*

## School Follies

MY daughter has failed in a school examination because she could not state the day and month of Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838.

I called on the teacher to protest and, as an afterthought, asked if she could give the date of the coronation of King George VI next May. She was boggled.

Recently my son was punished at the same school because during a lesson on the military Crusades of the Church he asked how the slaughter and torture could be reconciled with Christ's and the Church's teaching of meekness and brotherly love

When I remonstrated in a letter to the headmaster I was told that my "interference would undermine discipline."—JOHN GRATTON, Cross Street, Manchester, 2.

*Parents should make known cases like these to the local director of education.*

## At the Sales

*ON the bargain hats counter in a local store—everything offered at 5s.—I saw a really beautiful blue creation.*

*Putting it on, I crossed to the glass on the far side of the department and tried it this way and then that. It was truly perfect. I knew it was a model worth £3 or £4.*

*When I returned to the counter, happy and about to take the 5s. from my purse, I was dumbfounded when a hatless woman said in my ear: "I will be glad when you have finished with my hat."*—D. NYETH, *Rampart Road, Bitterne Manor, Southampton*

*On a good bargain, think twice.*

*Race With "Silver Ring"*

## Trained on the Sands

PROBABLY because J. Russell, who trains his horses on the sands at Mablethorpe, Lincs, has won two of the last three Lincolnshire Handicaps, my mailbag has contained enquiries about his candidates for the coming contest—Precious Pearl and Take My.

Precious Pearl is preferred. Russell only obtained him late last year and in 1935 the horse won the Victoria Cup.

It may strike some backers as significant that on that occasion Precious Pearl had Over Coat and Flamenco, the winners of the last two Lincolnshires, behind him.

Note Davy Jones for Gatwick's National Trial and Little Stranger for the Stayers' Hurdle.

"SILVER RING'S" CODE

The Code covers the racing from Thursday, February 18, to Wednesday, February 24.

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OVKM94 would read SPADE.

Where a double letter occurs in the name of a horse the figure 2 is substituted. 95K962Z94OQ93V would read BATTLESHIP.

## Eyes Tell

IN twenty years hospital nursing service I have learned to classify my patients by the colour of their eyes. This is my experience:

Brown—invariably bear pain well; blue—nervous and usually irritable; dark and black—do not seek aid until the last possible minute, but are mostly highly-strung; grey-green—are continually calling for attention.—BRENDA F. NEAVE, Green Street, Eastbourne.

*Doctors know that grey-eyed people seek medical advice at the first symptoms of ill-health.*

## Cadgers

SEVERAL times weekly householders have empty sacks delivered to them with requests to fill them with household waste and lumber on behalf of hospitals and charities.

Are these collections genuine?—MRS. L. B. GRENFELL, Launceston Street, Halifax.

*No. All are commercial devices. Charities get about sixpence out of every pound realised.*

## Have Your Choice

THERE is no doubt about the popular appeal of the "Wayside Pulpit" and similar messages posted outside churches. But often they are incongruous in juxtaposition.

"Drink Is Your Worst Enemy" has been blazoned at the door of a chapel here. Outside the parish church in the same street appears, "Make Your Worst Enemy Your Friend."—J. A. AINSWORTH, St. Giles Terrace, Padiham, Burnley.

*Both in the right spirit, anyhow.*

## Temptation

DURING a medical examination of the children in the school of which I am headmaster, the doctor commented on sixty boys and girls who seemed to be under-nourished.

It was found that none of them had the daily cheap milk allowance because they did not bring the necessary twopence halfpenny weekly to school.

Their parents were approached and although there was unemployment in many of the homes, it was found that most of them did provide the money.

It had been spent by the children on sweets. I do not condemn. The family circumstances of the youngsters are such that they can only get sweets and pleasant things surreptitiously.—A. BURROUGHS, 5 Park Avenue, Enfield.

*Teachers might co-operate by giving receipts.*

## Postal Orders

COULD not the Postmaster-General devote part of the huge profits of the Department to the reduction of the 2½d. poundage on sixpenny and shilling postal orders?

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## Queer Occupations

SURELY I have the record for peculiar jobs.

In fourteen years I have bred maggots for freshwater fishermen; been a professional "wailer" at funerals; and sat on a one-legged stool eight hours nightly watching the thermometer in a hatching mill (the one-legged stool is to prevent dozing off).

Now I am gardener on an ocean liner.—R. WALLACE HESTON, Penhevad Street, Grangetown, Cardiff.

*At some zoos men are employed to polish the tortoises with boot-blacking.*

## Lunar Legend

SINCE my days in the trenches and my insistence then on "third match" belief have been steeped in superstition. Until to-day.

This evening I was at work on a 30-foot scaffolding and was waiting for the "cease work" when one of my mates cried out "New moon. Turn your money!"

I glimpsed the moon and hurriedly took out the only coin—a florin—in my pocket to reverse my luck. It was dark and it was too dark to look for it when we descended. I have just had a four-mile tramp home.—JACK BALL, Cressex Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks

*Money turning is a bribe to chance. A legend that moon treasures everywhere wasted on earth—misspent time and wealth, broken vows and unfulfilled desires and intentions.*

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PRESENTED on this page is the fifty-second of JOHN BULL'S entertaining Crossword Puzzles; you are invited to exercise your skill and knowledge by completing it with the guidance of the Clues provided.

Neatness and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which entries will be judged, and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This judging will be carried out under the supervision of an Adjudication Committee consisting of the following:—The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Lascelles Abercrombie, Litt.D., D.Lit., M.A.; and Doctor C. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered, and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor who on one entry square has completed the Puzzle, and has given what, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best set of Answers to the Clues provided. And this set of answers will constitute the Winning Puzzle Square.

If at any points in the Puzzle where a choice of words exists the Adjudication Committee decides that no one word submitted can be preferred on the test of aptness and accuracy, then competitors there using words of equal merit as Answers will be regarded as having tied at these points, which will be duly indicated when result and Winning Puzzle Square appear in JOHN BULL published Thursday, March 11, 1937. The reasons which decided the Committee's Award will be published in JOHN BULL'S free weekly "Crossword Gazette," obtainable as instructed on page 47. The Second Prize will be awarded to the competitor whose entry is next in order of merit. In the event of a tie or ties, the appropriate cash prize will be equally divided, but not more than one cash or other prize will be allowed to one entrant upon one coupon.

Acceptance of the findings of the Adjudication Committee in regard to the most meritorious entries and of the Editor of JOHN BULL in all other matters is a condition on which entries are accepted and is legally binding on all entrants for this Crossword Competition.

## READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole Entry Form whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry fee for one coupon (two squares) is SIXPENCE. For two coupons (four squares) send ONE SHILLING. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and cross it & Co.; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in the number upon Entry Form; Entry Form to be posted as directed (not delivered by hand), to reach us not later than Saturday, February 27.

2.—In addition to two sixpenny Entry Forms from "John Bull" each entrant may submit TWO EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette" or other announcement of this Competition. Thus each entrant is limited to 4 Entry Forms (8 squares in all), and Entry Fee of 2s.

Should any single letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear or altered, or not given in ink, the corresponding properly indicated letter on adjoining Entry Square will be regarded as Entrant's intended letter for both Entry Squares. If entrant's answer cannot be so decided, or such flaws occur in more than one letter square, Entry Square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon.

No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner and winning Puzzle Square will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, March 11. Should any competitor not announced as a winner believe that he entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize he must demand a scrutiny by first post, Tuesday, March 16, in accordance with the directions given with result and enclosing £1 Scrutiny Fee. Any such scrutiny which many amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up prize or Surprise Awards. Accordingly, entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double adjudication establishing these winners is regarded as final. Merit is established according to the total number of Answers to Clues, both Across and Down, which agree with the winning Puzzle Square.

4.—Should the first prize be shared, £850 cash will be paid instead of the Three-in-One Award.

5.—Failure to comply with any of the Rules and Conditions involves disqualification.

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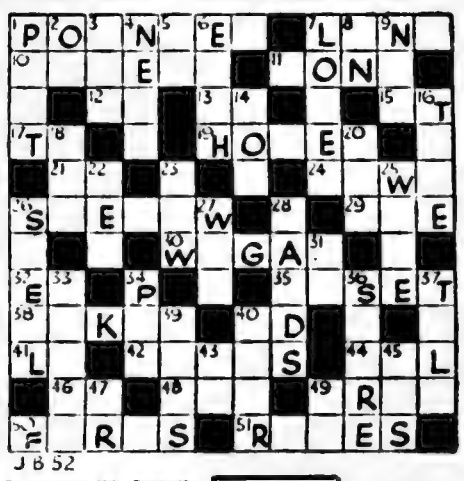

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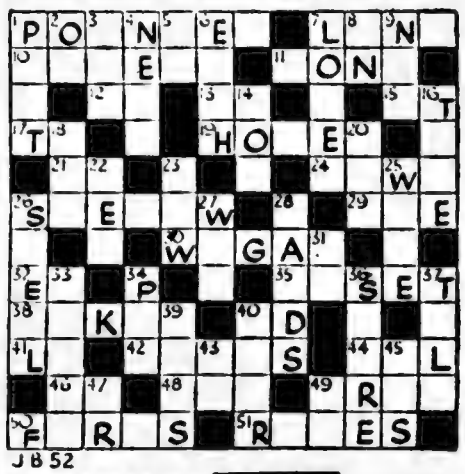

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Clock's hand is this
7. Injured man may die through this being unobtainable
10. Upward movement
11. When this goes up, it may show a storm's brewing
12. Taken from earth and beautiful
13. Head and tail of colt
15. Two middle slices of mutton
17. First half of tune
19. Those of poor people are seldom very bright
21. South West
24. Joined with needle and thread
26. Children go up and down on this
29. You wear one with a collar
30. Lancashire town which comedians often joke about
32. How dead always ends
35. Set again
38. Opposite of dislikes
40. Both ends of bond
41. In waltz and lifting
42. Are used for covering roots
44. Tool in trawler
46. Starts touchingly
48. Sweet one is a flower
49. Scottish hill-side
50. These are usually provided with a canteen
51. By which a woman's beauty is improved

## CLUES DOWN

1. Actor likes to describe his as great one
2. Bit of gossip from host
3. Frozen water
4. You'll always find people this at a party
5. Beginning and end of typhoon.
6. Engrave on metal
7. Rabbit does when dog's after it
8. Not out
9. Butterflies are caught in this
14. Sonny will often do this with the sum he's adding up
16. Bright one shows that subject is cheerful
18. Employ in house
20. Become fixed
22. It's sometimes advisable to change when you're this
23. If you don't keep straight you may break this
25. Untidy bachelor's den would be the better for a good one
26. It's usually difficult to break one
27. When this is used it is often to cover something up
28. You may find it difficult to cut these
31. North East
33. Same again
34. Tame animal
36. Greedy boy often gets at birthday party
37. Polished one is the better
39. Takes small drinks
40. Carry
43. How learning always begins
45. Existed in Washington
47. Common to actor and author
49. Bones without one

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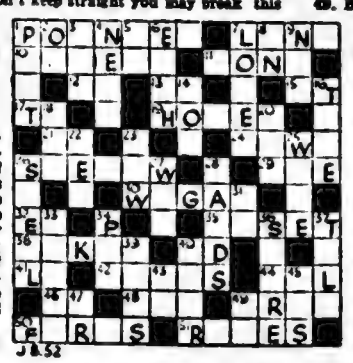

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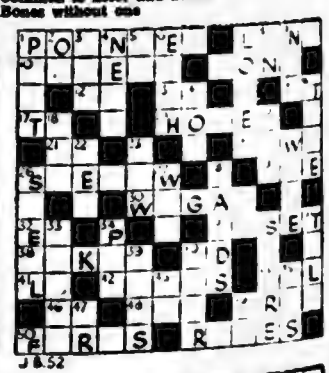

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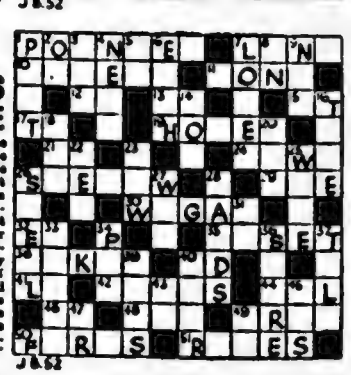

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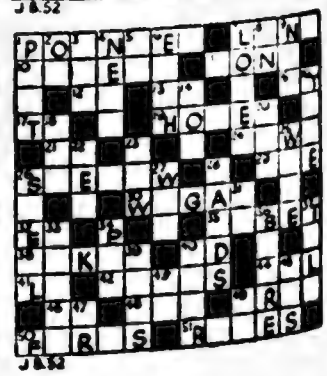

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...SIL (Oxford).—"Modern youth finds it difficult to settle down." And even more difficult to settle up.

C. L. D. (Stourport).—"What is the best thing to keep a thirty-year-old wife in?" Its shell.

...D (Leeds).—"Every doctor should have a reference library of his own." Under consulting room?

...E (Stirling).—"I had arranged for friends to skate on my private pond, but when the day arrived it was thawing." How did the party fare through?

...Darlington).—"I intend to make a fortune by writing a book." Many people have had this novel idea before you.

...B (Hackney).—"When a man turns up in new clothes he fears everyone is looking at him, but what of a woman? Eyes!

...N (Clapham).—"The influenza wave has practically passed over and most office workers are back at work." Or, at any rate, coughing.

...(Paisley).—"When I set out to marry and missed the train, the end was sad." We presume you refer to the bride.

...D (Putney).—"I have found by experience that blonde women always take a rather view than brunettes." They are also fairer.

...P (Chatham).—"The cost of having my teeth repeatedly stopped was so great that I decided to have them removed." Now cut down expenses!

...EGROOM (Huddersfield).—"I feel sure any teacher who suffers from a misplaced sympathy. Ours is for the boys.

...MER (Dorchester).—"When I discovered a dressing oil some of my sheep with own he said that he had not noticed him." He was wool gathering.

...NEER (Watford).—"I wouldn't do anything belonging to me to come under the hammer." Especially your head.

...I (Dorchester).—"Many trees that grow in Scotland do not shed their leaves. This is also a characteristic of the chrysanthemum-goose.

...TOR (Barrow-in).—"After rehearsal, the gay corner players goes for a late walk." Just for a blow, we suppose.

...M G (Somerset).—"My butcher always puts a branch of mint with the lamb. What does he send with the bill? Cost of forget-me-nots?

...SEC (Gloucestershire).—"After playing a free kick, what colours do you think we had for our football shirts?" Red and blue seems to be indicated.

...PLOYER (Cheltenham).—"As a general rule, I find that the more stupid an employee is the longer he talks." Ah! Parrots . . .

...SER (Altrincham).—"My latest effort is a limerick on three triangles, but I can't get it to scan." It should be a big success.

...Perth).—"When I set my cousin in Aberdeen a problem he couldn't solve he wouldn't admit he was beaten." Being a true Aberdonian he refused to give up.

...H (Whitby).—"When the sunblind man in the shop opposite saucily asked if he claimed damages for non-instalments or if I'd join the company I told you had the latter in mind."

...D (Exeter).—"I was always careful to avoid him since I was the target for knife-throwers in a circus." You were afraid that he might get his knife into you?

## Side-Slips

...humour from the Press ... Actual cuttings ... to the sender of ... envelopes "Side-Slips."

EVENING TIMES (Glasgow):—"The Rev. ... said that he had never ... the introduction of PEACE ...

LOANSTOFT JOURNAL:—"For... of most of the charge missed ——, ... FULLERS entered the chest."

SKETCH:—"And soothing Rod, ... on the floor with wildly-...

...GUETTE:—"... pleaded ... a charge of stealing a horse, ... and a ... value 10s."

...COURIER:—"CABBAGE to ...

...MAIL:—"—— tried to ... him by firing a revolver."

...ATED LEICESTER CHRONICLE:—"... Coque, the ODOUR ... beautiful shade of blue."

# THE EDITOR LAUGHS LAST

G. N. (Bow).—"Red is an arresting colour." So is blue.

AUTHOR (Burnt Oak).—"I am good at word-painting." You should have been a signwriter.

KATE K. (Derby).—"It is rare to find a woman who won't look an old friend up." And down

A. B. T. (Nelson).—"He called me a liar and I threw a glass of whisky over him." That was a spirited reply.

J. J. (Chelmsford).—"I don't like my wife's new hat." You don't have to; you have only to pay for it.

PRINTER (Tooting).—"A typesetter was disqualified in the 100 yards race." A sprinter's error, in fact.

*"You knocked it in, you get it back."*
*—From "The Passing Show."*

IF you are troubled by any matter—except, of course, of a medical nature—you can obtain free expert advice that will help you. A stamped and addressed envelope marked "Free Advice" is all that you have to send with your query. Write to-day. The replies given on this page to facetious correspondents are for your entertainment.

G. N. (Eastbourne).—"Once while in camp in Central Africa I met a lion face to face when I was in my pyjamas." A nasty experience for both of you.

V. V. (Lancaster).—"Who was it said truth lies at the bottom of a well?" Probably someone who needed an excuse for boring.

C. C. (Swansea).—"When you hear a woman praised by her neighbour you are safe in drawing one conclusion." That the woman praised is dead.

D. T. (Streatham).—"I had a sudden impulse to cross the street, and was immediately struck in the back by a car." You got another sudden urge.

HOCKEY PLAYER (Surrey).—"The overbearing player was ordered off the field at the commencement of the match." Bully off!

D. T. (Hythe).—"I hate to see a man out carrying his wife's shopping bags." That is usually a sign that she is wearing his!

E. O. (Camberwell).—"I knew what sort of man the auctioneer was when I examined the goods he sold me." A bad lot?

ENTOMOLOGIST (Putney).—"A lot may be learned from even such an insignificant thing as a baby glow-worm." Yes, they're bright young things.

TENNIS PLAYER (Norbury).—"I keep fit in winter by sending the ball over the net for an hour on Saturday afternoons." So do a lot of footballers.

CLERK (Manchester).—"In our factory there are twenty clocks, but no two show the same time." They are all over the place.

H. T. S. (Norwich).—"I have sent six letters to my tenant telling him to get out of my house, but he has ignored them all." So he's not taking any notice.

*E. L. (Chepstow).—"A dog will watch a rabbit hole for hours." Rather like the husband who goes shopping with his wife!*

GOLFER (Coombe Hill).—"I first became acquainted with my wife on the links." You made a successful approach.

O. S. (Dunton).—"Vegetarians are seldom quarrelsome." They haven't a bone to pick with anyone.

SMOKER (Leicester).—"Since Christmas I have cut the money I spent on matches almost to nothing." Lighter?

MISS L. (Ware).—"My young man is still undecided, although I have given him proof that I can cook." Concrete proof?

P. R. (Becontree).—"Do you think the Welsh rugger team came up to scratch the other Saturday?" No, to play rugby.

ENTHUSIAST (Kettering).—"What do you think of my idea of having electric light installed in my greenhouse?" It's just the place for a bulb or two.

MRS. R. (Rhyl).—"When I'm very depressed the thermometer shows my temperature to be very low." Right down, then.

W. E. (Salisbury).—"The younger generation are lacking in respect for their elders." You mean they are alike in many disrespects.

V. Y. (Stockport).—"All the members of my son's football team have a stomach complaint of some sort and no doubt that is why they lost their match last week." Well, a team must have its inside right.

ATHLETE (Widnes).—"I lost the ten-mile cross-country race through sheer bad luck and I refused my trainer's offer to massage me when it was over." You didn't want him to rub it in.

MRS. H. (Leeds).—"I had promised my husband that I would stay up to listen in to America, and after that, when I wanted to go to bed, he would not let me." He kept you up to it.

H. H. M. (Wandsworth).—"A demolition contractor gave a really remarkable performance at our amateur theatrical show the other night and . . ." Brought the house down?

J. T. B. (Ealing).—"I see the Government is spending £112,000 on putting up seats for the Coronation Procession. Who's getting them?" We know who's *not*—and that is ordinary Mr. John Citizen. But there are some fine Coronation Seats you *can* have on page 47.

TWO-SEATER (Windsor).—"When I first started driving, I often used to inadvertently stop the engine when changing gear, but I have improved since then." In other words, you've quit stalling!

A. W. E. (Bridlington).—"The whole question of searching of suspected persons by the police should be thoroughly investigated." So you advocate a searching enquiry.

T. E. (Dorset).—"There appears to be a lot of conjecture as to how the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act will affect our narrow, winding roads." Everything will be straightened out in time.

CAPTAIN (Surrey).—"The only Scotsman in our team is a deadly shot and whenever the other side are pulled up for an infringement he gets a chance to show what he can do." He's just the sort of fellow we would expect to be keen on free kicks.

***(Many replies unavoidably held over)***


# INDIGESTION AND FLATULENCE — GONE!

It's difficult to prove to you stomach sufferers by mere words that there *is* a remedy that will bring complete relief. For instance, here's a man who had given up hope. It took a nimble sixpence to prove to him that Digestif Rennie does not promise what it cannot perform :—

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There are 15 ingredients in Digestif Rennie. They conquer the acid in your stomach. They mop up the stomach gas. They digest your food. Dissolving without water, they enter the stomach undiluted. Pain goes. Indigestion is no more. 'Rennie' tablets are pleasanter—they taste like sweets. They are more convenient—you carry as many as you'll need. Each is wrapped in wax paper. Digestif Rennie (Brand) Pastilles are obtained from any chemist. Get some to-day and say a sweet good-bye to indigestion. Trial size 6d. Family size 1/9.

**Digestif Rennie**

**You suck it like a sweet**

# "Nearly Lost my job"

*"Every Picture tells a Story"*

AS SOON AS weak kidneys cause backache, urinary disorders, disturbed sleep, nerve pains, painful muscles and joints or swollen limbs, strengthen the kidney filters with Doans Backache Kidney Pills. Don't wait until the system becomes so poisoned that you are unfit for work and are afraid of the sack. Follow the advice of grateful users who say "I wish I had used Doans Pills earlier."

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# The FATAL STEP

IT happened in an instant Mr. C. S. Craxton, of 1, Rock Terrace, Bakewell, was coming down stairs at his home, when suddenly he slipped and fell heavily. His wife heard the crash and ran to his assistance. Despite every attention, he died the following day from his injuries.

**"JOHN BULL'S" HELP.**

As Mr. Craxton was a registered reader of "John Bull," his widow received a prompt cheque for £50—the Benefit provided for fatal home accidents by "John Bull's" Great Free Family Insurance Gift.

**EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS.**

In addition to paying generous Benefits for Accidents in the Home, on the Sports Field, Children's Accidents, Loss by Burglary, etc., etc., "John Bull" is the ONLY paper in the world to safeguard your household effects against damage by **Fire, Storm, Flood and Tempest,** and the only paper to pay **Sickness Benefit.**

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Use ½d. stamp. Don't seal envelope. A certificate setting out the full benefits and conditions and certifying registration will be sent if ½d. stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for return.

**PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY.** J.B. 20/2/37


# DOCK Worker's SHIP comes HOME

"IF only we could afford a home of our own!"

As the rent is put by each week, those are the words you will hear in a hundred thousand homes. You would have heard them a few days ago in the home of Mr. J. A. Renwick, 60, Caistor Park Road, Stratford, London, E. But that was a few days ago.

To-day, after paying rent for years on only a part of a house, this foreman employed at the London Docks is happily discussing the Home Problem with his wife, for the cash side of it has been solved at last. This is how it happened.

Busily cleaning her kitchen stove the other Friday afternoon, Mrs. Renwick was certainly not expecting visitors. But there was a knock on the door and a telegraph boy handed in a gay Greetings telegram. It was addressed to her husband and, opening it wonderingly, she learnt the astonishing news that the First Prize of £1,000 and Coronation Week, offered in our 1,059th prize-list, had been won by Mr. Renwick.

"I can't realise this yet," Mrs. Renwick told me, writes a JOHN BULL man who called with congratulations on Mr. Renwick's splendid success. "I hope it means a home of our own at last."

"Yes," put in Mr. Renwick, "and now we'll be able to get new furniture and all the other things we've been wanting for the home.

"We have two girls—Olive, age twelve, who is doing splendidly at a High School and Sylvia, who is nine," this thirty-nine-year-old First Prize-win[ner] "It has been a bit of a s[truggle] them up, but this £1,000 [makes] for a lot."

The effort that bro[ught] change in the fortunes [of a] working man's life and [the] competitor to receive [the] from JOHN BULL was the [idea] *Bullet*, WIFEY WANTS FU[R]. "WARM" HER *Heart*. And [Mr.] wick assured me, was the [best] *Bullet* he had ever ente[red].

"I have been a very [lucky] tor," he mentioned, "[but] before won a single *Bul[let]* description. It was an [exciting] ing paper that started [me] my First Prize effort. I [can] tell you how glad I am I [did].

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As shown by the F[acsimile] reproduced for your [inspection] page, you have a varied [choice] phrasing for your effort [and] of subjects is almost [unlimited] select a few of the *B[ullets]* opposite page, add [your] comments of your own [and] 2-in-1 Coronation Prize [will] reward.

## FOLLOW THESE SIGNPOSTS TO A BIG SUCCESS

THE winning *Bullets* in our 1,060th Contest are not due to appear until next week. Meanwhile we recall for your assistance a number of winning *Bullets*, each of which brought its sender a magnificent First Prize.

Study carefully the good points of these big winners. Then turn to this week's *Examples* with confidence and you may well capture a fine 2-in-1 Coronation prize.

MUZZLED
UNDER-DOG—DICTATOR'S "SEAT" SAFER!

IN THE BANK
FOR WHEN *I'm* "SURPLUS."

EPITAPH I'D LIKE
"MISSED GREATNESS—GREATLY MISSED."

WHISTLING
TRY, WHEN "SIGNALS AGAINST."

EARTH V. MARS
WOULD COST CIVILISATION "TITLE."

HE'S NOT RELIGIOUS, BUT
"SERMON" FOR SOUR MEN.

WHEN KNIGHTS WERE BOLD
"HOLD THY PEACE, WIFE!"

PILING IT ON
TAXPAYER, EVERY *Idle* SHOVEL.

WHEN MEN ARE BROTHERS
PESSIMISM'S TURN TO "MARCH."

FOOTBALL FANS
"ROARING LIONS" ENVYING GIRAFFES.

DIFFERENT STORY
POLITICIANS TELLING—CENOTAPH, SAME.

MY WORLD
THREATENED BY "MY COUNTRY!"

## *ADVICE FROM THE BIG THRE*

"I HAVE [been] *Bullets* [Bu]
it can be of [help] not only in he[lping] Bullets, but [also] pitfalls to avo[id] tribute to *Bu[llets]* Mr. J. A. Re[nwick] Prize-winner w[ho] pears above.

"A great help [in] bute to our [fine] Second Prize-w[inner] Mrs. Wardell, who [gave] maiden name of [Miss] Bu[rton].

"Any compe[titor] not take *Bullet[s]* larly is putting [himself] serious handicap [in the] Contest's Third [Prize]." Mr. A. Wood.

Published [every] would-be winner[s] tests, *Bullets Bu[ilt]* with JOHN BU[LL] *Crossword Gazet[te]* at the mere [cost] weekly postage.

Send off the [attached] Coupon oppos[ite] entry for this [great] Coronation Offer [and] be in time to [secure] supply of *Bullets* [with] special double [number] with hints for [the] tional Ideal Hom[e] Offer, coming [in] No. 1064.


**"JOHN BULL'S" GREAT PEN OFFER**

*Cash the Coupons*

**What a Reader says:**

40, Edinburgh Road, Bathgate, West Lothian. 1st January, 1937.

"I would like to say I had one of your Pens eleven years ago, and the same Pen is writing this. It has been wonderful."
Mrs. Hunter.

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This Coupon with P.O. for **2/9**, plus **3d.** postage and insurance, entitles holder to receive a "John Bull" all-British self-filling Pen with **14-carat solid gold nib, iridium tipped, GUARANTEED 2 YEARS.** Additional coupons up to four (any dates) may be saved and are acceptable in part payment, each counting as 3d. off the price. **You may send 5 coupons and P.O. for 1/9**, plus **3d.** postage and insurance. State if fine, medium, broad or oblique nib. Pocket clip **3d. extra.** Address: "John Bull" Pen Department, 27a, Floral Street, London, W.C.2.

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## RESULT OF "BULLETS FOOTBALL" No.

The following competitors entered markings corresponding exactly with those of the Committee of Experts:

J. Anderson, 1, Upper Barmouth, Ayton, Berwicks.
J. W. Bennett, 148, Alcester Street, Birmingham.
W. Brownhill, 4, Whittingham Grove, Oldham.
M. C. Frame, Burnside Place, Cambus Road, Paisley.
O. Mason, 12, Pine Grove, Mablethorpe.
Mrs. M. A. Wrighton, 9, Baines Avenue, Blackpool.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, these competitors will share the £1,250 First Prize and £209 6s. 8d. will be sent to each.

Any other entrant who believes that he submitted a Column eligible for a share of this Prize, must [send] later than First Post, Tuesday, February 23, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of all Columns submitted [and] Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny," and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull".

No Scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £250 Second Prize, there were 117 entries [for] only from the Committee's marking and their senders will each receive the sum of £2 2s. 9d.

A list of these Second Prize-winners can be seen at the "John Bull" offices and all have been notified.

**THIS CONTEST IS NOW CONFINED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE COLUMNS OF "BULLETS BULLETIN," OBTAINABLE FREE EACH WEEK AS INSTRUCTED ON OPPOSITE PAGE.**

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**CLOSING SAT. FEB. 27**

## 10 MORE GUESTS WANTED FOR "JOHN BULL'S" CORONATION PARTY

This week's five chief winners will each be presented with 2 superb Coronation Procession Seats in "John Bull's" reserved accommodation at Hyde Park Corner, as well as the privilege of Hotel accommodation on May 11 and May 12.

J.B.

## 100 NEW CORONATION BONUS AWARDS

With each prize of £1 and over, "John Bull" will present, shortly before Coronation Day, a bumper Parcel of Flags, Bunting and other Coronation Decorations value over £1

## 500 PRIZES OF 2/6 EACH PLUS UNIQUE CORONATION BONUS AWARD to Arrive in May 1937

## FIRST ONE-WEEK CORONATION OFFER —6,700 WINNERS WANTED AT ONCE!

COMMENCING with this fine Coronation Offer, *Bullets* returns to Contests lasting one week only, leading up to the Monster Ideal Home Coronation Offer heralded on this page.

Each Saturday will be a *Bullets* Closing Date and *each* Friday will see a Prize Wire despatched to some entrant. On Friday, March 12, for instance, a gay telegram will bring JOHN BULL's congratulations to the winner of the second Coronation First Prize announced above: spend an hour this evening with one of the interesting *Examples* and that thrilling message may well come your way.

Besides this big cash prize, you will notice, this week's First Prize-winner will receive two splendid Coronation Procession Seats at Hyde Park Corner; that prize goes to the four next winners in order of merit.

A further array of 100 other double Coronation Awards follows the chief cheques in the newsagent's prize-list, each winner's name being announced by a supply of Coronation Decorations value over £1. And the 500 awards are of a double character, 2s. 6d. prize carrying with it a Coronation Presentation.

### THE WAY TO WIN

Read with care the *Examples* and the ideas they suggest.

Your finished efforts must be TWO, THREE or FOUR words comment, closely connected with the chosen *Example*. Your entry must take each of your

## CORONATION COLOSSUS COMING

An IDEAL HOME, £1,000 cash, £3 weekly Life Pension, and Family Coronation Week (or 3,000 Guineas as a lump sum) will be the Grand 4-in-1 First Prize for *Bullets* 1,064th Competition, followed by other big cheques and UNLIMITED CORONATION GIFTS

with words until you have phrased *Bullet*. For instance, that you had chosen *Example*, PLAY THE GAME AND—this you might have scribbled on a rough note, *Don't Be Selfish*. That complicated and cumbersome sentence, after a few minutes' thought, may produce from it the simple "WIN."

In this way you will find an interesting way in which *Bullet* was made from *Example*, also to study the

Send in your efforts, for you must, by February 27, to JOHN BULL Contest's fine 2-in-1

### READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

1. Prizes will be awarded for what, in consultation with [illegible], is received and the [illegible], the test being originality. The Editor's decision shall have competent staff of [illegible] attempts may be [illegible] a postal order must [illegible] for each coupon [illegible] be made payable to [illegible] Entrant's name, [illegible] must be written on [illegible] number of which must be submitted. Coupons [illegible]
3. The Editor's decision [illegible] arising in connection [illegible] be accepted as final [illegible] respects and accept- [illegible] condition of entry. [illegible] Ltd. and their [illegible] are not eligible to compete.

## Add 2, 3 or 4 words to any "Example"

*(Competition No. 1,062)*

FOR EASTER
TEACHER BRITANNIA
NEW RULER
TAUGHT ME A LESSON
BAD BUSINESS
FANNING THE FLAMES
TO SEE THE KING
MY SHARE
HALF THE WORLD
DISCONTENTED
HE'S A DICTATOR, SO
PLAYS HAVOC
REVOLTING
WHEN HE'S CELEBRATED
AWAITING THE CALL
AUNTIE'S CANARY
ADOPTED
NEEDS EXPLAINING
GOOD TO HEAR
"YOU'RE A BEAUTY!"
EGGING HIM ON
PROVIDES RELIEF
TOO FAMILIAR
LEFT IN THE TRAIN
IT MAY BE FASHIONABLE, BUT
IN DISORDER
PLAY THE GAME AND
POORLY EQUIPPED
WHINING
POOR LAWS
WORK'S A PLEASURE WHEN
EARLY
TO SAVE UNPLEASANTNESS
CLOSING IN
BROUGHT DOWN
HAD I THE NERVE

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BULLET
EXAMPLE
BULLET

(1,062) Closing SAT., Feb. 27. | P.O. No. ..... I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d. | Signed ..... Address .....

"Bullets" must consist of TWO, THREE or FOUR words.

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BULLET
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BULLET

(1,062) Closing SAT., Feb. 27. | P.O. No. ..... I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. | Signed ..... Address .....

Write name and full address on each coupon.

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